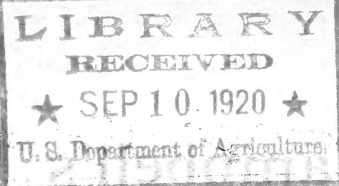


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# CAMPBELL'S EARLY.

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THE KING OF AMERICAN GRAPES.

"WHAT THEY SAY"

IN THIRTY NINE STATES AND THE CANADAS  
CONCERNING IT.

LOOK WITHIN


For reports from Vineyardists, Nurserymen, Horticulturists and the Agricultural Press, showing the health and hardiness of the vine, its vigorous growth and great productiveness; the beauty and delicious quality of the fruit, how the berries hang to the stem, how well it ships and keeps, altogether aggregating the largest mass of testimonials from eminent authorities ever given to any grape, new or old.

GEO. S. JOSSELYN, INTRODUCER.

FREDONIA, N.Y.

# Campbell's Early Grape....

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 HIS grape is offered to the public, with entire confidence that it is a truly valuable acquisition to our list of good, native American varieties and that its introduction marks an epoch in the substantial advancement of American grape culture, not less distinct and important than that which followed the appearance of the Delaware (introduced by our Mr. Campbell) or the Concord.

It has been very carefully observed and tested more than a dozen years, during which time it has shown no fault, but has exceeded all expectations as to its evident merit and high character.

It is confidently believed to be a grape in all respects better adapted to general use in all sections suited to our native varieties, than any other which has yet been grown and tested.

Points of special merit in Campbell's Early Grape are:

First. A very strong, vigorous, hardy vine, with thick, healthy, mildew-resisting foliage, and perfect, self-fertilizing blossoms; always setting its fruit well, and bearing abundantly.

Second. Clusters very large, usually shouldered, compact and handsome, without being unduly crowded.

Third. Berries large, nearly round, often an inch or more in diameter; black with light purple bloom; skin thin but very tenacious bearing handling and shipping admirably. Flavor rich, sweet, slightly vinous; pure with no foxiness, coarseness or unpleasant acidity from the skin to the center. Flesh rather firm but tender and of equal consistency, parting easily from its few and small seeds. As more than one-third of the American people do not and will not swallow grape seeds, we consider this a strong point in favor of Campbell's Early and a matter of trade well worth earnest attention, for as Prof. Lintner, New York State Entomologist, well says in his letter herein, "No GRAPE SEEDS MAY BE SAFELY SWALLOWED."

Fourth. Its season is very early; often showing color late in July, and ripening, according to the season, from the fifteenth to the last of August, at Delaware, Ohio.

Fifth. It has very remarkable keeping qualities. Has hung upon the vines in our own vineyard this Fall of 1897, sound and perfect, for six weeks or more after ripening, with no tendency to shell off or fall from the stems. A few clusters were put in cold storage last season on September 15th and taken out the 15th of December, apparently as perfect as when stored, and seeming as though they might have been kept in good condition until Spring. As a good keeper and shipper it is believed to be unequalled by any other American grape.

## AWARDS:

Wilder Medal, American Pomological Society, 1897. Medal of Excellence, American Institute, 1897. And First Premiums from many Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

## ALABAMA.

Huntsville, Ala. Sept. 23, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes came to hand this morning. They reached us in good condition and we pronounce it a good grape, good cluster, large size berry, a good shipper and believe it of value.  
Alabama Nursery Company.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 27, 1897.  
Dear Sir—I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to see and taste the Campbell's Early Grape. The liberal quantity sent enabled me to sample them fully, which I did with a relish. It is better in quality than Concord, the berries are round and sound, seeds few, parting easily from the pulp, which is tender. The claim that it is the best and most valuable very early black market grape, I believe will be sustained.  
W. F. Heikes, Mgr.

Maylene, Ala., Nov. 9, 1897.  
Dear Sir—I measured my Campbell's Early Grape vine today and it measured seven feet. This has been a very dry Summer and Fall in this country.  
D. B. Lacey.

## ARKANSAS.

Dayton, Ark., Sept. 30, 1897.  
Dear Sir—Basket of Campbell's Early Grapes received yesterday in perfect condition. It is large both as to berry and bunch and of exceptionally fine quality.  
M. W. Little.

Fayetteville, Ark., Nov. 2, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vines have made a good growth this year. The vines are vigorous and healthy.  
John T. Stinson,  
Horticulturist Ark. Agri. Exp. Station.

Lecroy, Ark., Nov. 8, 1897.  
Dear Sir—We have had a terrible drought, notwithstanding which the Campbell's Early vine lived and ripened about twelve joints of wood. It yet has a few green leaves this 8th day of November.  
J. Nuesch.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 3, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vines have done well, taking into consideration the extreme drought. I am well pleased with them. They had the finest roots of any grape vines I ever saw.  
William T. Simpson.

## CALIFORNIA.

Niles, California, Sept. 29, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The basket of Campbell's Early Grapes you sent me on Sept. 18th addressed to me at San Jose, was received here at Niles on the 28th inst. in excellent condition, not a berry being damaged. As an early grape, it is far superior to Moore's Early and Concord, both in size and flavor, and its good carrying qualities will make it one of the leading market varieties.  
John Rock.

Oakland, California, Sept. 30, 1897.  
Geo. S. Josselyn—The grapes came Wednesday morning, having been a week on the way. There was not a single decayed or soft grape in the whole basket, and when we took them out they looked as fresh as if they had just come off the vines. Our friends could not believe they had made the journey across the continent. I believe they could go around the world. It is a most delicious grape and ought to be very popular in California as a table grape.  
John H. Boalt.

Napa, California, Nov. 10, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vine has grown very well but, owing to very dry Spring—no rain since March and no irrigation used here—not much could be expected.  
Leonard Coates.

Napa, California, Nov. 9, 1897.  
Dear Sir—No grape vine grows very strongly here the first Summer and the Campbell's Early has not been an exception. I have no doubt but it will grow better next season.  
George Husmann.

Cloverdale, Sonoma Co., Cal., Oct. 2, 1897.  
Dear Sir—Mr Harris, our manager, has just been in and wants me to tell you of the wonderful growth the Campbell's Early grapevines are making. He says he never in his life saw anything grow so fast.  
John H. Boalt.

Agricultural Experiment Station,  
Pomona, California, Dec. 2, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vines had no rain on them from March till September but have grown about four feet in length during the Summer. The plants had the finest root system of any grape vines I ever saw.  
J. W. Mills, Supt. of Station.

## CONNECTICUT.

South Glastonbury, Conn., Sept. 23, '97.  
Dear Sir—Thanks for your pleasant remembrance of the basket of Campbell's Early Grapes. It is certainly a surprise party as I had not before realized that it was such a large, handsome grape. The bunches are also larger than I had supposed and with its tough skin, it is a superb shipper and it is so much better than any of the early grapes that it ought to prove very valuable not only for the family vineyard but also for market. If the general public could see it as this sample shows, I am sure you would not be able to grow vines enough to supply the trade for a number of years to come.  
J. H. Hale.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 25, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes you sent me were fine.  
W. W. Hunt & Co.

Middlefield, Conn., Oct. 5, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in good condition. We took them from the express office, some four or five days after you shipped them and they opened up as nice and fresh apparently as they were when started. We found the clusters of good size and compact, quality was good, and we should judge the variety would be a first class grape to ship to distant markets as well as being valuable for the family fruit garden.  
P. M. Augur's Sons.

Cheshire, Conn., Oct. 6, 1897.  
Dear Sir—Campbell's Early Grapes received in fine shape. Took the basket to our local fair where it attracted much attention.  
E. A. Atwater & Son.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 23, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes came through in fine condition and I am much pleased with them. I hope they will prove as popular as your Fay Currant, and I see no reason why they will not as they are the best early black grape I have yet seen.  
W. E. Wallace.

New Haven, Conn., Sept., 20, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in perfect condition and open up most attractively.  
Elm City Nursery Co.

Danbury, Conn., Oct. 12, 1897.  
Dear Sir—Campbell's Early Grapes which were shipped Sept. 30th, 1897, have kept good until now. My opinion is that they are one of the best shippers as yet introduced, a grape of great promise and I am delighted with it.  
Isaac E. Durgy.

South Glastonbury, Conn., Nov. 1, 1897.  
Dear Sir—In relation to the Campbell's Early Grape vine, I planted it last Spring in the family plot along with thirty-six other varieties that had been planted the Fall previous and I am glad to report that it made the finest growth of any in the plot this past season, even more vigorous than Moore's Early, Concord, Worden or Niagara.  
J. H. Hale.

South Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 9, 1897.  
Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vine has made a fair growth with me, two shoots only being left. One has made a growth of about five feet and the other nearly four feet, and has hardened up its wood perfectly.  
W. W. Comstock.

Cornwall Bridge, Conn., Nov. 8, 1897.  
Dear Sir—I truly say that I never planted any vines that made as strong, vigorous and healthy growth as the Campbell's Early vines have. Some of them have canes over five feet long of well ripened wood.  
C. E. B. Hatch.

From the Connecticut Farmer, Oct. 2, 1897:

Our thanks are due to Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., for a very nice basket of Campbell's Early Grapes. They excel anything we have ever seen or tasted for an early grape and are excellent in every particular.

## COLORADO.

Canon City, Colo., Sept. 22, 1897.  
Dear Sir—Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in excellent condition, firm and solid as the day they came off the vines. We are delighted with them, the flavor is excellent, just tart enough not to be insipid; a decided improvement, we think, on the Concord and Worden. We imagine they would do well in this State.  
DeWeese & Dye.

Greeley, Colo., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes were several days late in arriving but were immense when they did come. Prof. C. P. Gillett, the State Entomologist, was here at the time, he and myself pronounce them as very good and think they fully comply to your description of them. Geo. J. Spear.

From Field and Farm, Denver, Colo., Oct. 2, 1897:

We have had considerable to say about the Campbell grapes during the past two years, and this week we received a basket of them from George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, New York. Mr. Josselyn writes us that the specimens were from vines planted in 1895, and they were certainly very fine in cluster, berry, color and flavor. This grape is an improved Concord produced by different crosses from Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early through Muscat-Hamburg, selecting the hardiest and healthiest foliaged hybrids for succession. While not yet grown extensively in a commercial way, it has been fruited for several years by the originator and by others; it has been repeatedly shown at horticultural exhibits in several states. The vine is of a robust vigorous habit of growth and the buds have stood a temperature of eighteen degrees below zero without injury. The leaf has the large, thick, luxuriant appearance of the labrusca type of grapes. This grape is of exceptionally good shipping quality.

## DELAWARE.

Bridgeville, Del., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir—We received the Campbell's Early Grapes today in perfect condition and they certainly were very fine, good size and quality as good as any black grape we know, if not better. If as early as Moore's Early and productive, it will undoubtedly become a favorite market variety.

Myer & Son.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grape vine did splendidly and will warrant the strongest recommendation.

W. B. Hooker.

Chairman House Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir—My Campbell's Early Grape vine has made a growth of about eight feet in length and the wood is hard and well ripened.

W. Saunders.

Horticulturist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

From The Washington Post, Nov. 2, 1897:

### A NEW AND DESIRABLE GRAPE.

Of all the new candidates for public favor, Campbell's Early has the inside track. Its merits, as compared with Moore's Early, can be briefly summarized, as follows:

Campbell's Early is fully as early as Moore's Early, is of good size, not liable to crack, free from mildew, and of exceptionally good, firm, shipping quality. A prominent shipper, after examining it, declared "this grape can be shipped around the world."

In dessert quality it is unrivaled by any of our present list of first early market grapes. It is, both as to cluster and berry, of large size, of a glossy black color with a beautiful blue bloom; pulp sweet and juicy; free from foxiness; seeds small, few in number, and part readily from the pulp. For those who do not swallow grape seeds, this variety will be a great favorite.

The vine is of a robust, vigorous habit of growth, the buds have stood a temperature of 18 degrees below zero without injury; the leaf has the large, thick, luxuriant appearance of the labrusca type of our native grape. Fruit from vines but twenty months planted out was shown at the annual exhibit of the Chautauqua Horticultural Society at Brocton, in September, 1896.

The fruit committee consisted of Prof. E. C. Loderman, assistant horticulturist of Cornell University Experiment Station; G. E. Ryckman of Brocton, U. E. Dodge of Fredonia, the two latter among the most experienced vineyardists of Chautauqua County, N. Y. After a careful sampling of the plates of Campbell's Early, the award, based on a scale of points, gave this variety 96 points out of a possible 100, it being the highest score ever gained by any seedling grape ever exhibited before the society. This variety is this season first offered to the fruit-growing public by George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., who also introduced the Red Jacket Gooseberry and Fay's Prolific Currant. A marked need on the part of grape growers has been that of an early market grape of the first quality. Campbell's Early seems destined to supply this deficiency.

## FLORIDA.

Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir—The basket of Campbell's Early Grapes was four days on the way, but arrived in good condition. This grape is undoubtedly superior to Concord and all other pure-blooded native black grapes. In the Campbell's Early there is free juice—sweet, sprightly and aromatic—between the skin and the pulp, which I never noticed to the same extent in any labrusca hybrid; the pulp is tender, somewhat meaty, not so glutinous as in the Concord, and with but little acidity. If, as you claim, the vine is hardy, strong, vigorous and prolific, and, which is the main point, adapted to as large a territory as Concord, it will soon supersede the latter in the favor of the American grape grower. By the production of such a grape, our respected friend, Mr. Geo. W. Campbell, crowns worthily a life of useful labor. E. Dubois.

## GEORGIA.

Marcus, Ga., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir—I received some days since the Campbell's Early Grapes. The grape seems to be in some respects distinct from all others known to me. Its color is the most jet black I know of and while the skin is thin it is tough and well filled with juice of a peculiar but pleasant flavor, the pulp large but melting and sweet. Its carrying qualities will cause it to become a great market grape. It will doubtless prove of great value as a wine grape. J. C. Justice.

La Grange, Ga., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes just received for which please accept my sincere thanks. They were very fine and I should judge them to be an exceedingly fine grape.

Henry Banks.

Rome, Ga., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes received in good condition. We are highly pleased with the grape; we find it to be of splendid quality and of good color and it certainly is a good shipper. The few seeds and their parting readily from the pulp is very noticeable. It certainly is the finest among the blacks that has yet come to our notice.

G. H. Miller & Son.

Rome, Ga., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir—We have on hand, this, the 2nd day of Oct., a few bunches of the Campbell's Early Grapes that you shipped us the 18th of Sept. and we find them this morning to be still in good condition. This is certainly some proof as to the keeping qualities of the grape.

G. H. Miller & Son.

Jackson, Ga., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir—Without being exact, one of my Campbell's Early vines has nine branches from one to five feet long; the other has six branches from one to four feet long. The wood is well matured.

Jos. L. Wagner.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir—I beg to say that the growth of the Campbell's Early Grape vine which you kindly sent us was quite satisfactory although the vine was planted late in the Spring when vines here had already made a new growth of two to three feet. It has, however, not had as fair a test as would do it justice, and I so told my friend Campbell whom I had the pleasure of meeting at Columbus during September.

P. J. Berckmans.

Newnan, Ga., Nov. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—My Campbell's Early Grape vine ran up two arms each four feet in length and each about the size of a lead pencil at first joint. It seems very healthy.

A. B. Cates.

## ILLINOIS.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—Campbell's Early Grapes received. Although evidently picked several weeks ago the berries cling to the stem and no breaks in the skin. Bunch and berries large; flavor delicious. It is certainly nearer perfection than any other grape of its class. F. K. Phoenix, to whom we sent a bunch, writes as follows: "Berry large, black, skin very thin, no astringency, pulp tender, juicy, sweet, aromatic, altogether very high quality." F. S. Phoenix.

Antioch, Ill., Oct. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in perfect condition. We admire the fruit very much indeed and it is easily the best early grape in America and is without a fault or peer. We endorse it in every way.

H. B. Pierce.

Arlington Heights, Ill., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in very fine condition. There was not a cracked or spoiled grape in the entire basket and they are very fine. We think it is a great improvement over other grapes. The flavor is very fine and the seeds come out very easily. Klehm's Nurseries.

Belleville, Ill., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes came to hand in fine condition. The berries are even in size and the bunches compact. The seeds separating from the pulp very easily makes it a first class grape for the table.

L. F. Dintelmann.

Alpha, Ill., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir—We received the Campbell's Early Grapes in good condition and are very favorably impressed with them.

Alpha Nursery Co.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes reached us in good condition. It is excellent in appearance and the clusters are unusually large, especially when taking into consideration that they were from one year vines planted in 1895. The quality of the grape is good and if the vines prove hardy throughout the country, we would consider it an acquisition as a shipping grape.

Phoenix Nursery Company.

Carlinville, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes came in perfect condition, being on the road three days. Your description is none too strong. The seeds are small and separate easily from the pulp, the berry very large and of splendid flavor, the thick skin insures them to be a good shipper.

W. B. Otwell.

Centralia, Ill., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir—I received the Campbell's Early Grapes. They were fine.

C. H. Webster.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir—We found the clusters of Campbell's Early Grapes very fine, of good form and size. We like them very much indeed and found the flavor very sweet with a muskiness very pleasing. The bunches stood shipping well, this variety evidently not being inclined to shell readily.

J. C. Vaughan.

Clayton, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—The basket of Campbell's Early Grapes sent Shank Nur. Co. just arrived today. We find them O. K. and condition good. This is certainly a remarkable grape and will prove an excellent shipper.

Missing Lirk Apple Co.

D. Shark, President.

Coatsburg, Ill., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early Grapes arrived in good condition. It is pronounced by all that saw and tasted it as a very good grape. It certainly carries well through a long shipment. It looks now as though it may be kept yet in prime condition for a month.

L. H. Frese.

Collinsville, Ill., Oct. 14, 1897.

Dear Sir—I must say they are the finest and best tasting grapes that I have ever seen or tasted.

Jos. S. Juda.

Downer's Grove, Ill., Oct., 1, 1897.

Dear Sir—The grapes (Campbell's Early) came in fine order. We found them very fine, all you claim for them. The bunches were unusually large for such young vines.

A. B. Austin.

Dundee, Ill., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir—Campbell's Early Grapes received. I am sorry Mr. Hill is not at home to sample these grapes. Grapes arrived in fine condition and are very nice.

M. Rodeoch, for D. Hill.

Freeport, Ill., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir—Campbell's Early grapes received today by express. They are excellent in size and flavor and think they will be one of the leading grapes in the future.

Lebkicher & Spittler.

Geneseo, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in fine condition and are fine, the clusters being large and perfect. I consider the Campbell far superior to Moore's Early both in quality of fruit, size of clusters and carrying qualities. I doubt not it will take the lead among early grapes.

J. W. Richmond.

Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes were duly received. The fruit is fine and arrived in excellent condition and has kept well.

M. A. Baldwin.

Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir—About the Campbell's Early grapes. It was the 28th of Sept. before they arrived. They were in very good condition. I think they are fine.

E. H. Johnson.

La Fayette, Ill., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir—The grapes came in fine condition. Ever since hearing Mr. Campbell tell about his early grape, I have been wanting to see them. They will surely make a good market grape on account of their large size and fine appearance. While they were not soft or over ripe, there was not a broken grape in the entire basket full, after being handled by two Express companies.

Irvin Ingels.

Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir—The grapes came in fine order. They are beyond a doubt the finest black grape we have ever seen. The berry being large and pulpy with small seeds, making it an ideal table (as well as for wine) grape. Everybody is admiring your new grape.

Kirchgraber & Son.

Mt. Palatine, Ill., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir—Please accept my thanks for the grapes. They are the finest black grape I ever saw and an excellent shipper. Judging from the leaf enclosed, the foliage is simply immense. I showed them to several good judges of grapes and the unanimous opinion was "The finest grape we ever saw."

O. Bumgarner.

Normal, Ill., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in fine condition, four days on the road. The bunches are large, compact and of very pleasing appearance, berries large, jet black and of delicious flavor, very refreshing, no hard, sour pulp—seeds easily separated, skin thick and tenacious, enabling it to stand up well in long distant shipments.

W. A. Watson & Co.

Nursery, Ill., Oct. 16, 1897.

My Dear Sir—I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the Campbell's Early grapes which you kindly sent me about a month ago. I was absent from home at the time and did not sample them for about a week afterward. One of the bunches weighed ten ounces, the berries being of the exact size of your photograph. It is not only a splendid table grape, being rich sweet and aromatic in flavor, more meaty, with less pulp than Concord, but it proves also one of the best for culinary purposes. It is a fine shipper and excellent keeper—certainly a most decided acquisition among the new grapes.

J. V. Cotta.

Paxton, Ill., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in very fine condition. Looked as if they would keep for two weeks yet. The berry is simply perfect, the seeds separate so nicely from the pulp, all sweet to the center. Clusters were immense. I think as a commercial grape it has a wide field. The leaf is all that could be asked for. Dr. J. Y. Campbell says it is the finest grape of the kind he ever saw or tasted. May the coming generation eat better grapes than their fathers.

G. T. Kinsey & Co.

Pittsfield, Ill., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir—I received the grapes some time ago. They are very fine.

A. S. Archer.

Princeton, Ill., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes received and they are fine and no mistake. They arrived in splendid condition.

Arthur Bryant & Son.

Seneca, Ill., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes received. I think them an improvement on the Moore's Early. The flavor is better, the skin tougher and there are fewer seeds, all of which recommends them in my estimation.

D. L. Carpenter.

Spaulding, Ill., Oct. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir—Thanks for Campbell's Early grapes. They were fine.

Spaulding Nursery & Orchard Co.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. I have seen no better.

J. W. Cogdall.

Sterling, Ill., Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir—Campbell's Early grapes received O. K. They were in good condition. I was surprised at their keeping qualities. The idea I had of them was that they would be gone long before Concord were fit to eat. The quality is very good. I have sampled them around among my grape growing friends and others and the universal testimony is that it is a good grape.

Jas. H. Woodburn.



Vienna, Ill., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We have received the Campbell's Early grapes and can say that they arrived in excellent condition. On sampling them we found them most excellent and the small seeds readily came out of the pulp and made the eating of grapes a pleasure indeed. The clusters were very nice indeed.

Galeener & Thacker.

Wilmington, Ill., Oct. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in fine condition. It suits me the best of any grape I ever ate and I am not alone in that conclusion. I was surprised to see such nice clusters from young vines. I know of no other early grape that would ship as well and keep as nice as Campbell's Early. We have some of them yet.

E. D. Cagwin.

Windsor, Ill., Oct. 11, 1897.

Concord, thou hast been a faithful leader but fare-thee-well! Thy successor has arrived in the person of "Campbell's Early!"

Clawson Bros.

Onarga, Ill., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in good condition.

R. B. Cultra.

Rosemond, Ill., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were the largest grapes at the State fair this year and took first premium.

E. E. Gimlin.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in splendid condition and I must pronounce them one of the choicest varieties that I have ever seen. The clusters were well filled; the berries large and the flavor most excellent.

J. C. Brown, Editor,  
Prairie Farmer.

Staunton, Ill., Nov. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes I kept over a month without cold storage, in fair condition. The quality is good and on account of the tough skin it is the best keeper of any grape I know of.

Theo. Bechtel.

Villa Ridge, Ill., Nov. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine was an elegant grown plant and has made a splendid growth this summer and seems perfectly healthy.

E. J. Ayres, Mgr.  
Illinois Exp. Station, No. 15.

Kinmundy, Ill., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grapevine did exceedingly well considering location and no rain in months. We are dried out here.

E. G. Mendenhall.

Experiment Station, No. 1, Illinois State Horticultural Society.

Princeton, Ill., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapevine you sent and another received from Mr. Campbell did very well. Conditions here were not the best for newly planted vines to make a heavy growth but the plants are vigorous and healthy and we think another year will give good results.

Arthur Bryant.

Experiment Station No. 13, Illinois State Horticultural Society.

Freeport, Ill., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vine sent by you for the Station made a good growth the past season and is in No. 1 condition.

H. R. Cotta.

Experiment Station No. 14, Illinois State Horticultural Society

Jacksonville, Ill., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapevine received from you made a good healthy growth fully equal to other varieties planted at the same time.

H. L. Doan.

Normal, Ill., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapevine made a splendid growth this season, about nine feet of wood.

W. A. Watson & Co.

Wilmington, Ill., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapevine received of you last spring is a fine healthy vine, has made a growth of three and one-half feet on ordinary soil without extra care. It has been very dry here the whole season and the vine has not had any water except two small showers since last May.

E. D. Cagwin.

Alton, Ill., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vine planted last spring, has made a good stocky cane seven feet long, and I expect it will bear a few bunches of fruit next season.

E. A. Riehl, Director,  
Illinois State Exp. Stations.

Nauvoo, Ill., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The plant of Campbell's Early grape made a fine growth considering the very dry weather since last June. It made about six feet of good ripe wood.

E. Baxter's Sons.

From Farm, Field and Fireside, Chicago, Oct. 2, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

Chautauqua County, N. Y. is celebrated for its grapes.

Mr. George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, has sent us a sample of his new early grape which bears the name at the head of this article. It is named for George W. Campbell, of Delaware, Ohio, who originated this variety of early black grape. It is an improved Concord, produced by different crosses from Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early through Muscat-Hamburg, selecting the hardiest and healthiest foliaged hybrids for succession. While not yet grown extensively in a commercial way, it has been fruited for several years by the originator and by others; it has been repeatedly shown at horticultural exhibits in several states.

From the samples received we do not hesitate to pronounce it a superior grape for table use; probably no early grape can compete with it.

Mr. Josselyn writes that the sample clusters were from one year old vines planted in 1895. It is not usually expected that good clusters are to be obtained from first year bearing vines; but these are full and symmetrical. Not a single grape was broken from the cluster, though shipped from Fredonia, N. Y., to Chicago.

It is evident that Campbell's Early is to take a first rank as a shipper. It has a firm, compact quality and apparently might have been kept for weeks. In fact the wife of the editor prophesied she could keep it till Christmas; but unfortunately it was too popular with the family after its delicious flavor had been tasted. It was evident the grape was fully ripe. The pulp is sweeter than the Hartford or Concord. The seeds are not numerous nor large.

In these days when everybody is warned against swallowing grape seeds, it is important to find a grape that is sweet through to the center, so you are not tempted to swallow the seed, on account of the sour, disagreeable taste left behind in attempting to extract the seed. This grape is noticeably sweet all through and ought to have great popularity for dessert uses.

From a certificate given by the editor of the "Fruit," it appears that besides the earliness which is an exceptional quality; its fine appearance and taste, marking it for family use; its adaptation for transportation which is beyond the average, the vine is hardy and a good grower—having withstood a low degree of temperature.

When these superior qualities both of the fruit and the vine become fully known, Mr. Josselyn will have all he can do to supply vines for transplanting. We may add that the Campbell's Early is as well adapted to the climate of Wisconsin, Michigan and Northern Illinois, as to New York.

From the Prairie Farmer, Chicago, Oct. 2, 1897.

At the recent meeting of the American Pomological Society, held at Columbus, Ohio, Mr. George W. Campbell, of Delaware, Ohio, gave the history and a description of Campbell's Early grape, specimens of which were on exhibition. It was originated in 1885, and was either one-eighth or one-fourth Muscat-Hamburg, and was the only one that he thought worthy of introduction of thousands of seedlings that he had grown during the thirty or forty years that he had spent in endeavoring, by crossing and hybridizing, to improve our American grape. He had determined not to introduce them unless they were in some important respect better than the varieties we already had. The season and hardness of Campbell's Early admits of its being grown wherever the Concord succeeds, as it is nearly two weeks earlier, and in vigor, foliage, and hardness is equal to that variety. It has a more tenacious skin and handles without breaking and is never known to crack. They will also hold on the vines for six weeks without breaking down. This shows that it is unsurpassed in its shipping and keeping qualities, and it never shells. The skin is thin but firm, and there is no acid taste beneath it. The seeds are small, few in number, and



are free from the pulp. The fruit stems are very stout, the bunches are large, close, and generally shouldered; the berries are about the size and color of Moore's Early, but are of a higher flavor. In making his crosses he used the hardier sort as the female and found that the character of the new sort was a union of those of the parents.

From the Farmers' Call, Quincy, Ills., Sept. 30, 1897.

Mr. Geo. S. Josselyn, of Fredonia, N. Y., the famous propagator of grape vines, has put us under obligation for a basket of his Campbell's Early grapes. These grapes were from one year old vines, planted in 1895, yet the clusters were unusually fine, as may be inferred from the fact that there were only eight clusters in the basket; and the berries were extra large. This is something remarkable, we think, for the clusters are from the first year bearing. We don't know of any other variety that will produce such fine clusters the first year. The grapes arrived in strictly first class condition, showing them to be good shippers. We can testify, further, that the quality is superior. We would pronounce Campbell's Early grape a first class dessert grape. The berry is a glossy black, with fine blue bloom, and free from foxiness. We understand that Campbell's Early is as early as Moore's Early and that the vine is robust, vigorous and hardy.

From the Western Plowman, Chicago, Oct. 1, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

Last week we received from Geo. S. Josselyn, the well known nurseryman, propagator and dealer in grape vines, small fruit plants, etc., of Fredonia, N. Y., a basket of Campbell's Early grapes. They are the largest grape we ever saw, faultlessly firm and of splendid quality. The pulp is entirely sweet, which makes it unnecessary to swallow the seed in order to avoid an acid flavor. In eating many varieties of grapes—the Concord for instance—if the seeds are rejected there is a sharp acid taste which destroys the whole flavor of the grape. The Campbell's Early is so sweet, delicious and fat that the entire pulp may be eaten without the least appearance of acidity. The bunches are very large and compact, showing that it is a prolific variety. It is by all odds the finest black grape that we ever saw, and because it is worthy of all possible commendation, it gets this free editorial notice, something that the Plowman is very particular about giving. By the way, these large bunches are the first year's bearing.

From Farm and Home, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1, 1898.

Campbell's Early grape is one of the most attractive of recent horticultural introductions. Some of our most expert grape growers believe that it will in time become as universal as the Concord. Certain it is that the Campbell has many requisites for a lasting popularity. The vine is a vigorous grower and extremely hardy. It is a prolific bearer; the bunches are large and symmetrical, the berries are full size, of fine flavor and covered with a skin that enables them to stand shipment long distances. The originator, Geo. W. Campbell, is one of America's horticultural experts and has long been a grape specialist. He was fortunate in arranging for the introduction of this remarkable variety through so capable and reliable a nurseryman as George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., who has been identified with the successful introduction of several fruits that have now become standard, especially the Fay currant. Everyone who orders the Campbell grape or any other nursery stock from Friend Josselyn is certain of good plants, absolutely true to name, well grown, stocky, thrifty and sure to live and gives satisfactory results under all ordinary conditions. Our readers will do well to try at least a few of Campbell's Early, particulars about which and other stock can be obtained free upon application to Mr. Josselyn, stating that you saw this notice in Farm and Home.

From the Farmers' Voice, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, 1897.

The Farmers' Voice returns thanks to George S. Josselyn for as fine a basket of grapes as it was ever the privilege of man to eat. Mr. Josselyn, whose famous nurseries at Fredonia, N. Y., are known to every fruit grower on earth, is the introducer of the wonderful "Campbell's Early" grape, and it was from the vines of that variety the grapes came. Great, black mammoths they were, in clusters which no artist might hope to reproduce, juicy to a high degree, and

with a flavor of surpassing sweetness and mildness. It seems incredible that they had come from one-year-old vines planted in the year 1895, as a note from Mr. Josselyn assured us. The seeds were remarkably small. This comparatively new grape seems to fill perfectly the want of the grape growers—remarkably early with a skin that makes it possible to ship any distance, and of a quality which must please the popular palate, it is destined to become a favorite with fruit men everywhere.

From the Farmers' Review, Chicago, Oct. 6, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

We have received from Geo. S. Josselyn, of Fredonia, N. Y., a basket of Campbell's Early grapes. The grapes arrived in fine shape and showed no marks of their long journey. They certainly are good shippers. In quality and size they are remarkable, and bid fair to take a leading place on the market. We have never seen more compact or more beautiful bunches. All appearances indicate that they are excellent keepers.

#### INDIANA.

Anderson, Ind., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early are at hand. They arrived in excellent condition and are certainly a fine, large, early grape and will surely find the first place among early grapes in the market in the future. S. Hughe & Son.

Bridgeport, Ind., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in perfect condition and are indeed very fine to look at. Bunches large and compact, berries large and very showy, skin thick and tough, certainly making it a perfect shipping grape, quality very good, and seeds parting readily from pulp. Albertson & Hobbs.

Ripple, Ind., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Grapes arrived in fine condition. They are the best early grapes I ever saw and will prolong the grape season with a grape that has so much to commend it. Its keeping and shipping qualities make it a great acquisition to the grape grower. Large, compact, shouldered bunches, of most excellent flavor. L. Llewellyn.

Butler, Ind., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were delayed a little but reached me in good condition. I never saw more compact or perfect bunches and the flavor is good. F. Milhouse.

Clinton, Ind., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of the Campbell's Early grapes which even surpassed our anticipations. We have never seen so compact and better shouldered bunches, the berries large and attractive. It seems to us you have the King of the Grape tribe. Downing & Morris.

Foresman, Ind., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. They are simply grand. After being on the road several days they opened up as fresh as if they had been just picked. I think they are the best grape yet introduced. F. A. Woodin.

Greenfield, Ind., Sept. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received grapes, "Campbell's Early," in good shape. It is not only fine but superb. We showed them to some of our business men here and they were greatly impressed with them. We think the flavor excellent. Never saw larger bunches and grapes. If it is prolific you should have a "Klondike." J. K. Henby & Son.

Greensburg, Ind., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received today. I consider them quite an acquisition. Their large size, few seeds (usually only one, I find) which so easily separate from the pulp, their earliness of ripening, and extension of season, with their quality, all these features combined make it a superior grape. L. B. Cochran.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in excellent condition. It is a fine grape, very sweet and delicious, and if the Campbell bears as well as the Concord, it will, no doubt, take the lead. H. C. Eickhoff.

Lyons, Ind., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received a few days ago. For quality, size and keeping it seems to be all right. W. E. Stacy.

Irvington, Ind., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—All who have tasted Campbell think it superb in quality and fine in bunch and berry, a great advance over any variety heretofore well known. I think that on account of its quality, earliness, hardiness, and fine appearance, it will become the standard among good grapes for the table.

E. Y. Teas.

Laketon, Ind., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Its size, compactness and size of bunch, its quality and the merits of being hardy and as early as Moore's Early, surely recommends Campbell's Early to the planting public.

G. N. Moyer.

Logansport, Ind., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The grapes certainly are one of the finest I ever saw. I have eight varieties in my vineyard but none come up to Campbell's Early in appearance, if in flavor. They certainly would be a No. 1 shipper. If I add any more grapes to my list, it certainly will be the Campbell.

E. J. Booth.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hard in good order. They are very fine.

J. E. Walker.

Peru, Ind., Oct. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes you sent me. They were fine and in good condition. I consider them one of the best early grapes I ever tasted.

Silas Kesling.

Plymouth, Ind., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes are certainly all you claim for them and will without a doubt be the coming grape, and such heavy, compact bunches, it is a pleasure to see as well as to eat, the seeds part so freely from the pulp.

Holland & Co.

Scotland, Ind., Oct. 9, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in the very best of condition showing their shipping qualities to be unsurpassed. In flavor they are excellent and certainly should suit the taste of everybody.

W. C. Bennett.

Charlottesville, Ind., Nov. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes you sent me some time ago arrived in good shape after being on the road five days. Will say it is a very fine grape. I kept some of the clusters in my cellar for four weeks in good shape.

Thomas Shields.

Bridgeport, Ind., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The season with us has been very dry, especially since the 1st of August. The Campbell's Early grape vine we received from you last spring came rather late but it has made a good growth and shows remarkable vigor and appears as though it might be one of the hardiest and most vigorous in growth.

Albertson & Hobbs.

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We only planted out one vine of Campbell's Early grape and it was so extremely dry here this season, it only made a moderate growth.

S. Hughes & Son.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 14, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early has shown wonderful strength and vigor of vine and foliage. "Campbell" has come to stay.

E. E. Shedd.

From the Indiana Farmer, Indianapolis, Oct. 2, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

We have received a small basket of this new grape from Geo. S. Josselyn, the introducer, Fredonia, N. Y.

We saw the grape at the meeting of the Ohio State Horticultural Society and American Pomological Society at Columbus, O., two weeks ago, and heard Mr. Campbell, the originator, tell its history and qualities. It is no doubt a valuable acquisition to our list of table and market grapes. It is quite large, one of the berries measuring 2 5-8 inches in circumference or 7-8 inch in diameter. Many of them are 3-4 inch. It is a deep black, pulp sweet, skin rather tough, seeds few but large, is very early, ripening with Moore's Early, but is a late keeper, as these sent to us show. They will hang on the vines six weeks after ripening, and will ship thousands of miles if necessary. The vines are healthy and vigorous. It was awarded the Wilder Medal by the American Pomological Society at its meeting in Columbus.

#### IOWA.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. It is certainly one of the nicest tasting and finest looking that we have ever seen.

J. P. Wallace.

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes sent us by express on Sept. 18, were received. I was out of the city when they came and did not get to see or test them until about ten days after they were shipped. We found the grapes of high quality, berries good size, skin very tough and bunches large and well formed. Campbell's Early will, in my opinion, be the best shipping grape thus far introduced.

W. H. Shaul, Mgr.,  
Iowa State Nursery Co.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I wish to thank you for the handsome clusters of Campbell's Early grapes which I have examined and tasted with much satisfaction. This seems to me a very important addition to our grape list. My young vines are models of health and vigor. If they continue to do as well in future as they have thus far, I predict for Campbell's Early a brilliant and useful future in this region as a market grape. It is a worthy monument to the name of a most worthy man.

C. L. Watrous,  
(President American Pomological Society).

Dubuque, Iowa, Oct. 9, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came on the 28th of Sept. and they are in good condition at this writing. I am surprised at such rare keeping and shipping qualities in so good a grape. Berries as large as Moore's Early and bunches much larger and very compact. Grocery and commission men will handle this grape without fear of loss. There is a bright future before Campbell's Early grape. Mr. Elmer Reeves, a prominent nurseryman of Iowa, was at our place last week and is delighted with its fine quality, large size and good condition.

W. H. Guilford.

Cresco, Iowa, Oct., 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hard in fine condition some days ago and are yet perfectly sound. Bunches and fruit very large. The fruit is of good quality, the pulp very tender and the grape might be called a "free seed" variety. The leaf is very thick and large and just what we Northern Iowa Horticulturists look for in fruit to stand our climate.

J. B. Mitchell.

Davenport, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Many thanks for Campbell's Early grapes. They arrived in fine condition and are all you claim for them. Quality good to best.

Nichols & Lorton.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—We are just in receipt of Campbell's Early grapes which we found in excellent condition. I had a number of small fruit fanciers who are among our leading business men, examine and sample them.

D. F. Witter, President of the Iowa Loan and Trust Co., says he has never eaten in Iowa or elsewhere a finer or more juicy grape. H. E. Teachout, President of Des Moines Ice Co., says he has never seen a larger grape nor put one in his mouth which suited his taste better. W. L. Shepherd, President Co-Operative Bank of Iowa, was delighted with the beautiful blue bloom and the large size of cluster and berry. The universal opinion of all who examined them was that it is very large both of cluster and berry, while the glossy black color and beautiful blue bloom makes it very handsome. We fully agree with them upon every point and if the vine is sufficiently hardy to stand the Iowa climate, which I believe is the case, you will find an opening here for some of your surplus stock.

Des Moines Nursery Company.

Glenwood, Iowa, Sep. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent condition. I have been quite curious ever since I saw it illustrated in Rural New-Yorker, to see the fruit and it was a revelation. I had never expected to see an extra early grape that would equal Moore's Early but Campbell's Early surpasses it in quality, evenness of size, general appearance and especially in the tenacity with which the berry clings to the bunches. It was able to lift the largest bunch (which could not have weighed less than twelve ounces) by one of the berries, something I could not have done with any of the thrifty varieties we have in cultivation, of the same degree of ripeness.

A. C. Sabin.

Greenfield, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived yesterday. I let fifty or more people see and taste them. Condition was perfect, as not a crushed berry was to be found and only a few were off the stems. Those who tasted thought the quality excellent and were surprised to see them so firm and bunches so perfect. Several who raise and use almost wholly such grapes as Delaware, Brighton, etc., pronounced the quality first class, and for myself can say its flavor suits me as well as Agawam which is my favorite grape.

M. R. Stewart.

Keokuk, Iowa, Oct. 20, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I thank you for the Campbell's Early grapes. The berries are large and luscious. You made a great strike with such an attractive fruit.

Edmund Jaeger.

Harlan, Iowa, Oct. 8, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—Your basket of nice grapes received six days from the time they were shipped. Were in good condition and nice bunches. We could hardly form a fair opinion as to the fruit as it had been picked so long and could not do itself justice as to flavor. But as to shipping quality, perfection of bunches, size of berry and texture of skin it grades high. We are glad to record a step in advance in improvements in fruits and will wait with pleasure the test and future of the Campbell's Early grape.

W. M. Bomberger.

Iowa Falls, Iowa, Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early combines many qualities to make it a valuable market grape. The large compact bunches with fine flavor and being an extra shipper, will place it foremost among any now grown.

G. A. Ivins.

LeMars, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. I would class them among the very best early black grape yet introduced. They are simply immense in size. The Concord look small beside them, and for table use I think them unsurpassed as they are among the most beautiful and sweetest of the black grapes, and for shipping they surpass the Concord as their skin is so tough. I heartily and sincerely thank you for sending me these grapes as I have long had a great desire to see them and I must say they are beyond my expectations.

Pierce Bechtie.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes were duly received. To say I was pleased with it is not enough. I was delighted with its beautiful and fine quality. If it is as early as Moore's Early it will soon take the place of that grape.

S. Park.

Perry, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in good condition. It seems to be a very fine grape and must be an exceptionally good keeper as evidenced by being kept so long after its season.

Edmondson Bros.

Adel, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived on the 23rd inst. in perfect condition, not a berry cracked. The clusters are certainly very fine. The leaf looks like a true Labrusca yet the texture and high quality of the fruit marks distinctly the admixture of foreign blood. I am much pleased with the appearance and quality of this grape.

M. J. Graham.

Albia, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received this morning in excellent condition, fresh and crisp. Am well pleased with the appearance and quality of the fruit.

A. A. Mason.

Albion, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1897.

My Kind Friend:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in good order. Was highly pleased with them. Splendid looking grape, large size and good quality, and extra shipping quality. With what I have seen and heard of it I now believe it better than any grape I have raised (more than one hundred varieties). I have had nothing but praise from all who have seen the grapes.

J. B. Cripps.

Charles City, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived day before yesterday. Considering the fact they had been transported nearly a thousand miles, we can say they arrived in prime condition, there was not a berry broken. We find them sweeter than Concord and believe their thick skin will prove of great value to men growing grapes for long shipment.

Sherman Nursery Co.

Shenandoah, Iowa, Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in the best of condition. I find them of good flavor, with few seeds, and taking into account their earliness, large size, fine color and shipping qualities, they certainly will prove a valuable acquisition to the list of grapes.

E. S. Welch.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in excellent condition and in view of the distance they travelled, proved themselves an excellent shipper. They are very fine in size, color and bloom, and are of fine flavor. The clusters too, are remarkable.

Homestead Company.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in excellent condition showing the good shipping qualities and we kept specimens of them for three weeks through the hot weather without any special care aside from a common house cellar. We found the pulp separated from the seed readily without the sour taste that other grapes have. We consider it a long step in advance as an early grape and long keeper and shipper.

Bardwell & Haviland.

Waukee, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—In justice to you will say the Campbell's Early are the finest grapes that have come to our table this season. The fruit was as firm when received as the day it was sent. As the bunches are so firm and the berries adhere so admirably to the stem, it certainly will be a great shipper. It has just the kind of leaf that will make it of much value to the vineyardists of this country. The leaves are much firmer than the Worden or Moore's Early, or in fact any of the Labrusca family. We bespeak for it great popularity.

J. Wragg & Sons Co.

Dubuque, Iowa, Nov. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I consider the growth of the Campbell's Early vines unusually strong for ordinary care and soil. Of several old varieties planted under same conditions, none can compare in growth and vigor with Campbell's Early.

W. H. Guilford & Son.

Dubuque, Iowa, Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine grew four feet in length, of which three feet, two inches was ripe wood and the rest being touched by frost. The foliage was large and of a good healthy character.

F. W. Kramer.

Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 31, 1897.

Dear Sir:—No rain here this summer. At same time, the Campbell's Early grape vine made a growth of six to seven feet.

Nichols & Lorton.

LeMars, Iowa, Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine I planted last spring has grown very well considering that the first two buds that started out early in the spring, got broken off. Of course this was a great back-set to its growth but it started buds again after a time and has made a very fine growth. In fact it has done very much better than I expected it could do, after the loss of its first buds. We had so much dry, hot weather with hot winds that checked the growth of some of our native plants but the Campbell's Early survived it all and has done remarkably well.

Pierce Bechtie.

Shenandoah, Iowa, Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine that you sent us made a growth of 3 to 4 feet this summer. We did not plant it out until quite late and I presume it would have done better if it had been planted earlier in the season.

D. S. Lake.

Audubon, Iowa, Nov. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine came in good shape and was properly planted and cared for and has made the finest of growth and ripened up its wood quite early, making the best growth of any I planted out of one thousand vines for permanent vineyard, and I feel confident that it will be all that is claimed for it.

E. N. Taggart.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My young vines of Campbell's Early are models of health and vigor.

C. L. Watrous.

Perry, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early vine sent us last spring has made a very fine growth.

Edmondson Bros.

From Wallace's Farmer and Dairyman, Des Moines, Oct. 1, 1897:

Geo. S. Josselyn, the widely known nurseryman of Fredonia, N. Y., starts an advertisement of his famous "Campbell's Early" grape in this issue. Mr. Josselyn has also favored us with a sample basket of his grape, and it is certainly one of the most delicious tasting we have ever had the pleasure of eating. It is quite a large, black grape, sweet all the way through and juicy, and comes in large bunches. The grape was originated by Mr. Campbell of Delaware, O., and is an improved Concord, having been produced by different crosses from Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early through Muscat-Hamburg, selecting the hardiest and healthiest foliage hybrids for succession. It is said to be fully as early as Moore's Early, and it has been pronounced to be an exceptionally fine grape for shipping purposes, as it is very firm. The sample Wallace's Farmer enjoyed, after being shipped from New York and being in the office two days was in excellent condition. Mr. J. will be pleased to send information concerning this grape to all readers of Wallace's Farmer who write him.

The Campbell grape is recommended very highly indeed by Eastern experiment stations and nurserymen. It is larger than the Concord, with a tougher skin so that it ships better.

From the Davenport Republican, Sept. 26, 1897:

### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

This is a new variety of grape, being introduced by Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y. It is of the best quality and the pulp is sweet to the center, and has already taken a number of premiums at fruit fairs, etc. The vines of this grape are very healthy and hardy. Sam Lorton of Nichols & Lorton says that this variety is destined to take the place of all early black grapes, for three reasons, viz: the shipping qualities, good large size, and good flavor.

### KANSAS.

Doniphan, Kansas, Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early arrived in perfect order, not a berry cracked. We fully endorse all that you claim about the quality of the grape. It is the coming early market grape. Jacob Brenner Wine Co.

Fort Scott, Kansas, Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of Campbell's Early grapes. Notwithstanding they remained in our express office two days after arrival, they opened up in excellent condition. They are as large as any we have seen this year and as to flavor, they are unsurpassed. This is surely the grape for the people. Hart Pioneer Nurseries.

Girard, Kansas, Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in excellent condition and we consider the fruit of the finest quality. Girard Nursery.

Junction City, Kansas, Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition, after a journey of a thousand miles and were the wonder and admiration of all who saw and tasted them. They remained intact, neither wilting nor dropping from the bunch, for over a week, in a dry room. Now, three weeks after shipping, they are shriveling some and are better flavored than when they first arrived and they still cling to the bunch. The clusters are large and compact. Many of the berries are an inch in diameter. Color a glossy black. Skin thin and very tough. Flavor good. All of which combine to make it the best paying grape in America. We have over fifty of the best varieties in full bearing and we think we know what a good grape is. W. Cutter & Son.

Lawrence, Kansas, Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I am glad to report that the quality of Campbell's Early is very good, size of bunch and berry large, the leaf is a large healthy type indicating a healthy vine, and we may reasonably hope for success for this new comer. A. H. Griesa.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand all O. K. The quality is all you claim for it. A. C. Griesa & Bro.

Lawrence, Kan., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in good shape. They were very nice. Wm. Plaskett & Son.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in good order. We are surprised at the large size of berry and bunch and good quality of so early a variety. It must be some time before this grape has a competitor in its season. We are glad to know it by sight and taste and shall unhesitatingly recommend it as the early grape most promising for profit and for family use. Holman & Bente.

Ottawa, Kan., Sept. 30, 1897.

Gentlemen:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. They were very fine; in fact, we have never seen a basket of grapes that presented a better appearance, the bunches being well formed and full of large, handsome berries and of an excellent quality. We predict a great future for this variety. Brewer & Stannard.

Parsons, Kansas, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The splendid Campbell's Early grapes received in excellent condition, very fine bunches, flavor sprightly and excellent. The large, firm skinned berries seem to stay on the bunch wonderfully well. I predict that the Campbell's Early will have a wonderful success. Lewis Williams.

Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in perfect condition. The shipping seems to have no effect on them as they are simply perfect, not a berry broken. The fruit sustains the claims you make for it. F. W. Watson & Co.

Sedgwick, Kansas, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in first class shape and were the finest grapes that we ever saw. We believe you have one of the finest grapes, in your Early Campbell, of any grape grown in the United States. It is a fine shipper as well as a first class table grape.

The Sedgwick Nursery Co.

Topeka, Kansas, Sept. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes for which we thank you. The grapes arrived in first class condition and are very fine. L. R. Taylor & Sons.

Wellington, Kan., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were very fine, the best we have ever seen, and they came in good shape. I don't think anyone can say too much in their favor. Worden & Co.

Winfield, Kansas, Oct. 9, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes Sept. 28, in fine condition. Clusters were large and perfect. Some clusters were very large, berries about the size of Moore's Early. The flavor of the grape is very fine to my taste, skin tough, pulp juicy. It is a grape that will sell well in market. October 3, the grapes were still in fine condition. C. W. Brown.

Winfield, Kan., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have just examined and tasted Campbell's Early grape and pronounce the flavor very fine, the skin tough and thin, and the size about one and one-half times that of the Concord. The clusters are very large, the grapes are in perfect condition and for a shipping or market grape, I would consider none better. The flavor is most excellent and peculiar and I never saw a grape with so many good qualities as this one. C. I. Forsyth, Attorney at Law.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I saw the Campbell's Early grapes that were sent to Mr. Willis, who was Superintendent of Fruit at the fair at Ottawa. I think it is one of the finest grapes I ever saw. B. F. Smith.

Seneca, Kansas, Nov. 17, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in splendid condition and were pronounced by myself and many other persons who tasted them, as most delicious and possessing great merit for large size, perfect clusters and extraordinary qualities for shipping. S. J. Baldwin.

St. Mary's, Kansas, Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early Grape vine you sent me last spring did splendidly. I never saw a vine make more wood or a better growth than it did. H. F. Heisler, P. M.

Rydal, Kansas, Oct. 17, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent me made some five feet of growth and set one bunch of grapes. Wishing you success, I remain J. A. Mosher.

Junction City, Kansas, Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Our unbounded confidence in the originator caused us to give \$2.00 for a vine of Campbell's Early last spring; and it has made double the growth of any other vine of its age on our grounds. W. Cutter & Son.

Lawrence, Kansas, Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early vines planted last spring grew well. A. H. Griesa.

From the Kansas Farmer, Topeka, Sept. 30, 1897:

We have sampled Campbell's Early grape and can take no issue with the following statement by the introducer, Geo. S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y.: "Quality best. Pulp sweet to center, so seeds need not be swallowed. 'First of all grapes,' says the Rural New Yorker. Scaled 96 points in possible 100 at our county fruit fair. Awarded Wilder medal by American Pomological Society in autumn of 1897. Has hung on vines six weeks after ripening. Vines very healthy and hardy; have stood eighteen degrees below zero. Does not crack or shell. 'Will ship around the world,' says our largest fruit grower. Ripens with Moore's Early and is a long keeper."

### KENTUCKY.

Fairview, Ky., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape sent us Sept. 20, arrived yesterday. Though out nine days, we find them in good condition. Their fine appearance and tough skin we think insure its popularity. Downer & Bro.

Guthrie, Ky., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in perfect condition. They are fine, the finest we have seen from young vines first year bearing. We are highly pleased with it.

Downer & Bro.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in first class order, not one unsound. They are fine, large and handsome, finest of its class ever met in Kentucky. It will be a good seller here as we have quite a grape growing State. The Campbell's Early can't be beat.

R. H. Hoskins.

Bowling Green, Ky., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us yesterday. We delayed acknowledging in order to show them to several horticultural friends who grow grapes extensively. We all agree that this variety has many points to recommend it. We measured some berries that were nearly one inch in diameter and we judge from the texture of the skin that it would resist mildew very successfully. We feel quite sure you have a worthy new variety.

Downer & Briggs.

Buckners, Ky., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have just received the Campbell's Early grapes and it is certainly a great improvement on Moore's Early (the most profitable grape we have for early market).

Jno. G. Klein.

New Castle, Ky., Nov. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine that I purchased of you made a fine growth this year. I am pleased with it.

I. W. Kelly.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a strong growth this season. I sent up one strong cane which was broken by accident, eighteen inches from the ground and afterward branched at this point. Wood is now well ripened.

C. W. Matthews, Prof. of Botany and Horticulture,  
State College of Kentucky.

From the Farmers' Home Journal, Louisville, Ky., Oct. 2, 1897.

The Farmers' Home Journal acknowledges receipt of a basket of very fine "Campbell's Early" grapes shipped by Geo. S. Josselyn, of Fredonia, N. Y. The condition in which they were received indicates excellent shipping qualities. The fruit is good flavor, exceedingly juicy and tender. Mr. Josselyn says they have hung on the vines six weeks after ripening. They do not crack or shell and "will ship round the world."

## MAINE.

Auburn, Me., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes in as perfect condition as they came from the vine. We have read the description of this grape several times, as well as many strong testimonials in its favor, but nevertheless we were surprised when we came to see and taste the fruit. This is a very large and nice looking grape which, combined with its delicious flavor and tough skin, cannot fail in recommending it for general planting. You certainly have a truly magnificent grape which will sell better and better as it becomes better known.

Hiram H. Gurney & Co.

Hallowell, Me., Oct. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine order. The bunches were large and of very fine appearance and the quality excellent. It appears to be a grape which will keep in good condition a long time and I judge that it will become a leading market sort.

A. S. Chadbourne.

Waterville, Me., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We took great pleasure in examining the Campbell's Early grapes. They were fine, the clusters showing conclusively that the variety is a most prolific bearer of large, uniform size and splendid quality. It is superior to the Concord in quality and greatly outranks it in commercial value as a shipper.

A. P. Horne & Co.

## MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in excellent condition and we consider the fruit of the best. The bunches are unusually large and we believe that the grape has a good future.

Franklin Davis Nur. Co.

Berlin, Md., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. They are beauties to come from one year old vines planted two years ago. We think they should be pushed as a desirable variety.

J. G. Harrison & Sons.

Chestertown, Md., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. I kept some of the bunches until today and they were perfect. I distributed them among some of our local grape growers who had never seen the fruit before. It was the unanimous opinion that Campbell's Early is the best grape yet. The fruit is very large, the skin just a shade tough. They were the most delicious grape I ever ate.

H. L. Boyd.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in my absence and were in fine shape when I returned. I think they are a remarkable grape.

J. A. Ramsburg.

Williamsport, Md., Oct. 18, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We have no hesitation in giving it as our opinion that Campbell's Early grape is on the market to stay. Its large size, compactness of bunch, splendid color and good eating qualities all combine to make it a good market variety.

Fleming & Hetzer.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine is a remarkably fine grower. The vine I planted last spring has made an unusually fine growth. I should say it would be an early bearer and a valuable early grape.

J. A. Ramsburg.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 25, 1897.

My Dear Friend:—I have previously expressed my opinion of Campbell's Early grape and can only emphasize it by repeating. I believe it the greatest success thus far achieved in hardy grapes and I feel it will be appreciated by the "Great American People" and on account of its keeping qualities and when packed in the perfect manner as received, find a market for exportation.

Benj. G. Smith,  
President Mass. Ag. Club.

Malden, Mass., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—On the 25th of September, I received a basket of Campbell's Early grapes from you in fine condition. I am today eating the grapes. They are as bright and taste as good as when received. I think the Campbell's Early grape is the coming grape and I shall advise my friends to take up their "back numbers" and set in their place a grape that is "up to date," the Campbell's Early.

Joseph S. Chase.

Marblehead, Mass., Sept. 26, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—Accept my hearty thanks for the Campbell's Early grapes. It is a wonder! Bunch so fine and well shouldered, grape so large and of such foreign flavor and, not least, they have so fruity a fragrance. And such prolific vigor in a vine so young! What will vineyardists do with their Niagaras "et omne id geni!" when Campbell's Early gets into the market as a grape for the million?

jas. J. H. Gregory.

Newburyport, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Thanks for the very fine Campbell's Early grapes which arrived in perfect condition. Their size is larger than the grapes of other varieties offered for sale in our local market. They are bunched up well. While free from foxy taste or sourness or bitterness, yet they are full of life that must be very refreshing to the aged or the invalids.

J. A. Keniston.

North Abington, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The grapes arrived in perfect condition. I think the quality of Campbell's Early second to none.

W. H. Wyman.

Amesbury, Mass., Sept. 29, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—We have been away in the country for a few days and upon our return were very agreeably surprised in finding a basket of the largest, handsomest grapes we ever saw, awaiting us. They were in perfect condition and very nice eating, will keep some time yet I should think. We wish that all the lovers of the grape having land, may plant this choice. Campbell's Early and enjoy its fruit from their own vines.

J. F. Chesley & Son.

Everett, Mass., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received yesterday in good condition. I think without any doubt, they are the finest variety I have ever seen.

H. M. Quincy.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—This grape strikes us as an excellent and valuable dark early fruit and one which for size cannot be equalled. The bunches are very compact and the grape impresses us as one which for keeping qualities has no superior. The flavor is of the best and altogether we consider that your claims as to the general good qualities of this grape are well founded.

The Shady Hill Nursery Co.

Mass. Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass., Oct. 14, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came duly and were much appreciated by us all. Judging from this sample of fruit and the growth of the young vines we bought of you last spring, I am led to think that the Campbell's Early is the most promising variety of recent introduction and if your claim of early ripening is sustained, it will be the best market grape for New England cultivation. We have been looking for a black grape as early as Moore's Early and of better quality with the productiveness, vigor and freedom from disease of the Concord and if you have found these qualities in the newcomer, it will be of great value to the grape growers of the country and especially to those of New England. About thirty of our young men tested the contents of the basket and pronounced the grapes very fine.

S. T. Maynard,  
(Prof. of Horticulture).

Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine shape and from every appearance they would stand for the next four weeks in good condition. The quality is the best I have ever known for an early grape.

N. S. Freeman.

Chicopee, Mass., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in fine condition, showing them to be an excellent shipping variety. We find it all that you claim. A handsome grape of blue color, having a sweet and juicy pulp and seeds separating very readily.

G. H. Macomber.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We thank you for Campbell's Early grapes sent us. The fruit is large, of very fine appearance and of delicious flavor. We have tasted nothing finer this season and bespeak for the variety great popularity.

R. & J. Farquhar & Co.

Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—I have tested the Campbell's Early grapes and find them very fine, black in color, skin tough enough to keep and ship later than the Concord, berries adhere firmly to the peduncle which will prevent them shaking off when the stem is dry. I compared them today with Moore's Early. It will take a week or ten days for Moore's Early to be as ripe as Campbell's Early are today and the Campbell's Early must have been picked over a week ago. It appears to me that there must be a large place among grape growers for Campbell's Early grape.

George Cruickshanks.

Lakeville, Mass., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came duly and having been tested by all hands in office and house, is pronounced by all, the best black outdoor grape we have yet seen.

O. K. Gerrish.

Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. The clusters were very fine. The grape is a large fine looking one. It should make a good grape to ship.

T. R. Watson.

Reading, Mass., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition and hung firmly to the clusters. They were taken to one of our County Fairs and tested by numerous judges and visitors and everyone was very much pleased with them.

Jacob W. Manning.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The bunches of Campbell's Early are quite large and firm (solid) ensuring safe carriage. The berries, also, are extra large. The firm pulp dissolves readily in the mouth and is of a mild, sweet, slightly acid flavor. Four of the five berries first tasted had only one seed each while the other one had three seeds.

J. W. Adams & Co.

West Medway, Mass., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good order. It shows extra good shipping qualities by coming these hundreds of miles in such good order subjected to the rough handling of expressmen. As a table grape it ranks with our best hybrid grapes, far superior to the Concord. One can eat his fill of them, press out and reject the seeds without making his tongue sore as most other native grapes do. I have great confidence that it will prove a great acquisition to growers of early grapes who have suffered as I have from the wholesale cracking and waste after heavy rains of such varieties as Moore's Early and Worden. It appears to be the equal of these in health, vigor and hardiness and much superior otherwise. In short I believe it to be the coming business grape and I shall plant it as a substitute for those varieties. It undoubtedly is the latest and grandest triumph of the hybridizer's art and unborn millions of people will yet live to bless the name of George W. Campbell for his skillful and persevering efforts for its production.

E. A. Adams.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—It gives us pleasure to say that we regard the Campbell's Early grape as excellent in quality and greatly superior to anything in the shape of black grapes that we have ever seen or tasted that ripened so early. It must be received with great favor by all who can appreciate fine fruit.

A. H. Chadbourne & Co.

Hanover, Mass., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Friend:—Many thanks for the Campbell's Early grapes and I can truly say that I think they are the best grape I ever tasted.

Geo. F. Sylvester.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape is most satisfactory in appearance and in the test. The clusters are fine, the grape juicy, with small seeds, indicating in all its points a valuable variety of early grape and one which will please the market men on this end, as it has no indication of cracking, as is the case with Moore's Early.

Hope you will make a deserved success of the introduction of the Campbell's Early grape. We are always glad to co-operate with enterprising nurserymen in bringing such valuable varieties to the attention of the public.

Geo. B. James, Publisher,  
The American Cultivator.

Milton, Mass., Oct. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the basket of Campbell's Early grapes and was much pleased with them.

L. T. Hughson.

Tufts College, Mass., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine sent out three shoots of two, three and eight feet respectively. The eight foot shoot was a very healthy and vigorous branch.

(Prof.) W. L. Hooper.

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine has grown well. One branch got broken in the early part of the season but it recovered itself and made a good growth.

Geo. W. Fifield.

So. Framingham, Mass., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We planted the Campbell's Early grape vine you sent us but in rather a poor place yet it is now a good healthy plant.

Peter McPhee.

Hanover, Mass., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a growth of four feet each in two branches. I did not give it any special treatment, only to let it alone. After trying the grapes you sent me I feel over anxious to grow them myself as I think they are the best grape I have seen yet.

Geo. F. Sylvester.

General Putnam Farm, Asylum Station, Mass., Sept. 27, '97.

Dear Sir:—Your books will probably tell you that last April you sent me a vine of Campbell's Early grape. It had but one eye that started but a fine mass of roots. I have just measured it with the following results, viz: Main stem eight feet six inches; one lateral, three feet; three laterals, each two feet (six feet); six laterals one foot each (six feet). Total twenty-three feet six inches. I think there will be twenty feet of ripened wood on it. It is a great growth compared with any of the other kinds received and set out at the same time and in the same way.

Benj. W. Putnam.

Marblehead, Mass., Oct. 31, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine planted last spring has made a very vigorous growth. Main stem seven feet long; two branches each three feet long and one branch two feet long.

Jas. J. H. Gregory.

Reading, Mass., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—In reference to the Campbell's Early grape vine we would state that although we did not give this as good a chance as we should have, yet under the adverse conditions in which it was placed, it made very good growth indeed. We believe that there is good value in this plant and would state that the sample grapes that we received were very noteworthy and elicited much favorable comment from those to whom they were shown.

Jacob W. Manning.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vines which I purchased of you last spring have made a very strong growth. They appear to be a short-jointed, very stocky grower. I am well pleased with them.

Chas. D. Butler.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine bought of you last spring made a very good growth. I have rarely had a more vigorous growth for the first season. The wood also ripened up well.

Horace Eaton.



Fitchburg, Mass., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent me was slow in starting but made a good growth.

Geo. Cruickshank.

Malden, Mass., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vines I bought of you last spring have grown finely. They are now about five feet high, looking well.

Joseph S. Chase.

From the American Cultivator, Boston, Oct. 2, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

We have seen some specimen baskets of Campbell's Early grapes, from one year old vines, planted in the year 1895, the present being the first year bearing. Fruit from these vines, but 20 months planted out, was shown at the annual exhibit of the Chautauqua Horticultural Society, in September, 1896. The clusters are very fine, are fully as early as Moore's Early, of good size, not liable to crack, which was always a defect in Moore's Early, free from mildew, and of exceptionally good, firm shipping quality. The berry is of large size, of a glossy black color, with a beautiful blue bloom, pulp sweet and juicy, free from foxiness, with seeds small and few in number. Those who have raised this grape say the vine is of robust, vigorous habit of growth, the buds having stood a temperature of 18 degrees below zero without injury. The leaf is large, thick and luxuriant. It seems to be an early market grape of the first quality, and by its earliness will extend the grape-marketing season. This new early black grape was originated by Geo. W. Campbell of Delaware, O., but is now raised to perfection by George S. Josselyn, the well-known nurseryman of Fredonia, N. Y., who has planted a vineyard of this grape. Mr. Josselyn proposes to push the new Campbell grape into public favor, and has control of all the vines of this valuable variety. We predict success in its introduction and sale.

From the Massachusetts Ploughman, Boston, Oct. 2, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

We received Sept. 23, from Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., a sample of this excellent new variety of grape originated by Geo. W. Campbell of Delaware, O. It is a cross between the Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early, through Muscat-Hamburg, by careful selection of the best seedlings. The berries are larger than the Concord with about the same color and bloom; the flavor is excellent and the juice very sweet, the pulp ripening throughout at this early date. It is claimed to be as early as Moore's. The bunches are of good size, though grown on vines one year old, planted in 1895, i. e., three years from the cutting. This grape seems to be a valuable addition to our new fruits, and we have no doubt, with the energetic send-off that Mr. Josselyn is giving it that it will prove profitable both to him and to those who buy it.

From the New England Farmer, Boston, Mass., Oct. 2, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S GRAPES.

George S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., the introducer of Campbell's Early grapes, sends the "New England Farmer" a basket of the same. These were from year old vines planted in 1895, so that this is their first bearing year. The clusters were large and perfect in size and shape. This grape is a descendant of the Concord, produced by different crosses from Hartford and Moore's Early, through Muscat-Hamburg, showing the heartiest and healthiest hybrids for succession. The claims made for it are that it is as early as Moore's Early, of good size, not liable to crack, free from mildew, of good firm shipping quality, a vigorous grower, of beautiful blue color, with pulp sweet and juicy, and seeds small, few in number, and readily parting from the pulp.

From the North River Pioneer, Hanover, Mass., Oct. 1, '97.

The finest grapes we have ever tasted are a new variety called the Campbell. George S. Josselyn, of Fredonia, N. Y., sent a sample basket to one of our local experts to test, and it was pronounced the finest flavored ever shown in this vicinity. Mr. Josselyn was a Hanover boy, and now owns the largest establishment, as raiser of vines and small fruits, in the state.

## MINNESOTA.

Eureka, Minn., Oct. 5, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition and I was highly pleased with them. I have never tasted so fine a grape. I have sent some of them to cold storage and will exhibit them at our winter horticultural meeting.

C. W. Sampson.

Fairmont, Minn., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came duly. As to size, they are large both in bunch and berry. As to quality, very good for an early grape and I should think would prove a good market grape.

D. P. Sackett.

Hokah, Minn., Sept. 27, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in good condition. You certainly have a wonderful grape in this variety. It is all you claim it to be. I think it much better than any black grape I have ever tasted.

Geo. J. Hoffman.

Lake City, Minn., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir: We received the Campbell's Early grapes in excellent condition. Found them to be large compact bunches, excellent in quality, and they must prove a valuable acquisition for the Northwest.

After sampling the grapes, we sent the basket to A. W. Latham, Secretary of the State Horticultural Society. He stands at the head of our successful grape growers of Minnesota. He writes us "The Campbell's Early grapes are here and are simply immense. Minnesota wants this grape if it is early."

The Jewell Nursery Co.,  
J. M. Underwood, President.

Lakeville, Minn., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Friend:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in fine condition and are worthy to be crowned King of Grapes. In beauty, sweetness and flavor they have no peer and in searching for words to express our delight, we rest on the fact that Geo. S. Josselyn as the introducer is enough to give it rank with the very best of all.

F. M. Kilbourne.

Hugo, Minn., Nov. 9, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Regarding the Campbell's Early grape vine, I am glad to report that it has made a growth of nearly six feet and promises to be a model of vine growth. Although it came a long journey and had a cold backward spring to grow in, it commenced to grow in a day or two after it was in the ground and has kept right on ever since.

A. G. Wilcox.

Eureka, Minn., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine received from you last spring made a very vigorous growth indeed. I never had a one year old vine do better. I am very much pleased with the growth of vine and also the grape as to quality, flavor, &c.

C. W. Sampson.

Lake City, Minn., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The one year old Campbell's Early vines purchased of you last spring have made a very vigorous growth.

The Jewell Nursery Co.,  
J. M. Underwood, President.

From The Minnesota Horticulturist, November, 1897, by A. W. Latham, Secretary.

#### THE CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

A basket of specimen bunches of this new seedling grape came to this office late in September. This variety originated with Mr. Geo. W. Campbell of Delaware, Ohio, some years since. The fruit has much to recommend it. The bunches received are medium sized, of cylindrical shape and not shouldered. The berry is jet black and one-half larger than the Concord. It adheres well to the stem, even when, as in the case of those received, the stem is withered. The skin is tough and will evidently bear much handling. The pulp is sweet and rich to the very core. To my taste the flavor is much like that of Roger's No. 44, strongly marked with the nutty flavor of Moore's Early, and a leaf accompanying also bears a marked resemblance in color and texture to those of the latter variety. This grape has much to commend it, and if it proves as early and productive as is claimed for it, it will be a very valuable acquisition to the list of fruits for the Northwest. It would at once take the place of Moore's Early, which is of little value because of its sterility.



## MICHIGAN.

Monroe, Mich., Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. Would pronounce it a splendid shipping variety, one that will stand severe handling and having very good keeping qualities. The berries hang on the stem with great tenacity, something rare with early varieties. Clusters large and compact, skin thick and quality of fruit excellent. A valuable grape indeed.

Greening Bros.

Monroe, Mich., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came to us in excellent condition. We have no doubt of its supreme merit and think it a fine horticultural product which all planters should choose first in making their selection.

E. C. Ligenfritz & Co.

Pontiac, Mich., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived all right. I took some pains in showing them around and they met with universal praise. I think they are the perfection of grapes.

W. L. Cooley.

Romeo, Mich., Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes shipped Sept. 21 arrived in fine condition and at this writing, do not seem to have lost any of their good qualities and are in good shape adhering firmly to the stem and without withering although kept in a common cellar. It certainly will be a leader as a black grape.

Silas Nye.

South Haven, Mich., Oct. 6, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came this morning in perfect condition. I had heard so much in praise of this grape that I am highly gratified at the opportunity to become personally acquainted with it. I only need say that it fully realizes my anticipations as a high quality market grape and I trust it may be the means of educating the public taste to a higher appreciation of quality in fruits.

T. T. Lyon.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached me in very fine condition. I should call it a good one.

W. W. Essig.

Essexville, Mich., Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes on the 24th of September and they were in the Express office until Oct. 8. I must say that the keeping qualities are remarkable for an early grape and the quality is superb and it hangs to the bunch with a persistency that beats any kind I am acquainted with. Moore's Early falls off the bunch on the vine without handling and it has a loose bunch. Champion is of very poor quality. The grapes that can stay in the Express office fourteen days and still be sound and are as early as Moore's Early, are good shippers indeed. I let Mr. James Fisk, the largest grape grower in this county, sample them and he said they were remarkably good quality.

Michael Schafer.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received Sept. 27. I think they are all you claim for them, good keepers, good shippers and a No. 1 grape in all respects.

J. M. Dean.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Sept. 20, 1897.

Friend Josselyn:—The basket of grapes, "Campbell's Early," we have tested and pronounce of extra fine flavor, handsome bunches and every indication that they will be a good shipper. Knowing Mr. Campbell as I do, as a worthy gentleman, I feel proud that he has brought forward so worthy a grape and I am also glad that it has got into your hands for dissemination for I believe you are just the man to push a good thing and do not believe you would have much energy in pushing a poor one.

L. G. Bragg.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Oct. 16, 1897.

My Kind Friend:—I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt from you of a basket of Campbell's unique grapes. They came in fine order and gave me no little astonishment for when you take into account the ingenious manner it stows away so vast a number of those great dark berries into such huge and beautiful clusters, the earliness of its ripening, the time elapsed since it left the vine, and its present luscious flavor; I have not seen its equal in the vineyards of the North and I said to myself, "a grape with so delicious and aromatic a pulp, protected by such a thick tough skin, was designed for holiday use and best in prime condition even then, and the first of January will see those grapes before my guests in a state of perfection, they never saw such grapes before." But I was a little fast, for I showed them to Dr. Smith, Robt Pullen and other of our large vineyardists, who all agreed with me as to its virtues minus the keeping qualities which under their manipulations, vanished like a lovely sound.

C. Hemingway.

Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in good condition and I have shown them to several of my friends who all spoke in high terms of them. I was afraid to handle the plants before seeing the fruit but I am confident now that they will give universal satisfaction.

R. B. Owen.

Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—It is with pleasure I speak of Campbell's Early grape, sold by Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y. The grape is one that recommends itself wherever it is known and merits the praise that has been so freely given it. This grape is not merely a fancy variety, but I believe it is destined to become one of our reliable standards. The strong and hardy nature of the vine insures it a home in all grape growing sections while the unsurpassed quality of the fruit is in its favor. The clusters are large and symmetrical, berries very large, of a glossy black color, flavor very fine.

A. W. Kelly, Ph. D.

Vicksburg, Mich., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. Quality and size of fruit unsurpassed and is certainly a most valuable acquisition.

The Vicksburg Nursery Co.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We think the Campbell's Early grape delicious. So different from the many varieties grown on our place. We like the spicy flavor very much and believe that many will appreciate the tough skin, as it will make it a good keeper.

H. W. Geer.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape is certainly a good one and possesses great merit in quality and as a shipper.

West Michigan Nurseries.

O. E. Fife, Sec.

Central Lake, Mich., Sept. 23, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent condition notwithstanding the warm weather since you shipped them. I am glad to say it is a much better all around grape than I expected to find it, in fact it is a "James Dandy"—no doubt about it.

J. B. Boyd.

Coldwater, Mich., Oct. 12, 1897.

Friend Josselyn:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in prime condition. I desire to say right here that they surpass all my anticipations or expectations in every way, especially in quality which, in the opinion of everyone here, excels any black variety known and in tenderness of pulp surpasses all others. I believe it the coming grape for the millions. All hail to Campbell's Early grape!

J. M. Rawson.

Adrian, Mich., Oct. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition. I think the quality is good and very large clusters for an early grape.

C. F. Gustin.

Adrian, Mich., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition and we consider it an extra good grape.

Spielman Bros.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 24, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—I have received the Campbell's Early grapes. The berries and clusters are indeed of good size. I consider the quality equal to Concord or a little better. The seeds being so very small for such a large grape, is a big point in its favor. I believe it will be a grand grape to ship.

Jacob Ganzhorn.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The "Campbell's Early" came to hand in splendid order, were universally admired and I heard nothing but favorable comments. The Committee on Awards of the Michigan State Agricultural Society have recommended a diploma.

R. D. Graham.

Superintendent of Horticulture.

Shelbyville, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition, hardly one being detached from the stem, some specimens measuring one inch in diameter, bunches large, compact, color black with heavy bloom, pulp fine and sweet to center, seeds very small. Have some in cellar at this writing, four weeks after receiving them, which are in fine condition.

Geo. N. Dean.

Bridgman, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were a treat, quality best, flavor good, cluster immense, skin tough. Should be an A No. 1 shipper. I do not see how it could be better.

O. A. E. Baldwin.

Monroe, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes and were very much pleased with them. We are very much interested in grapes and grape culture, but have nothing in our vineyard from the earliest grape to the latest, that in our estimation, compares with the Campbell's Early in flavor, size of berry, and shipping qualities. The Michigan Nursery Co.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received just in time for our county fair and placed on exhibition to the admiration of all. I thought I would test their keeping qualities for which purpose I have an excellent place. I looked at them a few weeks later and found them in excellent condition, but the other day when I went to examine them, I found the empty basket but not a grape. Somebody evidently likes Campbell's Early. From what I did see and taste I have no doubt it has a promising future. W. F. Bird.

Adrian, Mich., Nov. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes vine you sent us last spring made a growth of about seven feet.

Spelman Bros.

Wixom, Mich., Nov. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a strong growth. W. C. Wixom.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine we planted last spring has done finely. It made a strong growth and has a healthy appearance although we gave it no extra care.

L. G. Bragg & Co.

Monroe, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine which we received and set out last spring, made a wonderful growth. It is, to our knowledge, one of the most thrifty vines that can be grown. The foliage is immense.

The Michigan Nursery Co.

South Haven, Mich., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vines received from you last spring have made fine growths and are perfectly healthy. T. T. Lyon.

From the Michigan Farmer, Detroit, Oct. 8, 1897.

#### A NEW GRAPE—THE CAMPBELL.

The Michigan Fruit Grower is in receipt of a basket of grapes from Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y. which command more than passing attention. It is comparatively a new grape to Michigan growers. The clusters are large and perfect in size and shape, resembling the Salem or Agawam for size, with a flavor similar to the former. It is a descendant of the Concord, produced by different crosses from Hartford and Moore's Early, using the hardiest and healthiest hybrids for succession. It is claimed by Mr. Josselyn that this variety is as early as Moore's Early, not liable to crack, free from mildew, good shippers and vigorous growers, the color is blue with pulp sweet and juicy—seeds small and few in number, readily parting from pulp. The grapes sent were from year old vines planted in 1895, this being their first bearing.

Mr. Geo. W. Campbell of Ohio was asked to tell the American Pomological Society at their late meeting about this new grape. He was evidently too modest to wish to speak of one of his own products, but in deference to those who urged him to do so he said he considered it the triumph of his life, in the way of new fruits. It had been bred in hope of getting an early grape which should equal the great Concord in all respects, and excel it in earliness and quality. This he had accomplished after forty years of crossing and testing. Ripening two weeks before Concord, better in quality, larger in bunch and berry, tougher in skin, and the seeds easily separating from the pulp, together with having a deep black color, make it clearly the best grape for general cultivation he has seen. Samples of the fruit were passed among the audience for critical examination.

From the North American Horticulturist, Monroe, Mich., Oct. 1897.

#### AN EXCELLENT GRAPE.

The N. A. H. is in receipt of a sample of Campbell's Early grape sent us by the introducer, Mr. George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y. Unlike most early grapes the berries hang to the stems with great tenacity, and when to this good point is added the large size of berry, firmness, quality and compact clusters a market

grape of exceptional merit is produced. The variety resembles the Worden somewhat in appearance, but we consider it superior in many ways. It has a spicy flavor, somewhat resembling the Agawam, which makes it very agreeable for a table fruit.

From the Allegan Gazette, Allegan, Mich., Oct., 16, 1897:

#### THE CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

Reference was made last week, in another department of the Gazette, to receipt of a quantity of Campbell Early grapes from Hon. T. T. Lyon of South Haven. Mr. Lyon requested the opinion of the Gazette upon the quality of this new candidate for fruit growers' approval. We can, of course, only speak of the quality of the fruit, not having had occasion to see the vines or to know anything more of the virtues of the variety than is represented by the propagator. The bunches of grapes as we received them were in almost perfect condition, although they had ripened weeks ago. The bunches were long in form, slightly shouldered, well filled with large, black berries having a thin but extremely tough skin and filling the bunch to compactness. These qualities would seem to indicate that these grapes can be kept a long time and shipped long distances in good condition. The pulp is sweet, abundant, bearing few seeds which separate readily from it; and it has no sour taste at the center. The flavor is peculiarly agreeable, and we know of no grape in the entire list of those grown in this state which is its superior, and but few are known that are its equal. It seems as though the Campbell Early is sure to supplant the standard black varieties in very great degree. Acquaintance with it is all that is required to create a brisk demand.

From the Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids, Oct. 4, 1897.

#### NEW VARIETY OF GRAPE.

J. M. Dean of Sweet Street Thinks This Leads All.

J. M. Dean of No. 116 Sweet street has received samples of a new variety of grape known as "Campbell's Early Grape," which he thinks is the coming grape. Mr. Dean is one of the most successful grape growers in Michigan, and he is very enthusiastic over this particular variety. The grape is, both as to cluster and berry of large size, of a glossy black color with a beautiful blue bloom; pulp sweet and juicy, free from foxiness, seeds small, few in number and part readily from the pulp. For those who do not swallow grape seeds, this variety will be a great favorite.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippi Experiment Station.

Agricultural College, Miss., Dec. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vine that you sent last spring has made a growth of about seven feet and appears to be a healthy vigorous variety. J. S. Moore.

#### MISSOURI.

Bushburg, Mo., Oct. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Your welcome basket of Campbell's Early grapes reached me a week ago in fine condition. I am proud to have been, more than three years ago, among the first who recognized and extolled the great merits of this wonderful new variety and I could not add now anything to what I said then in my last edition of the Bushberg Grape Manual, except that I congratulate the originator, dear Mr. Geo. W. Campbell and Mr. Josselyn for their merit in its continued success, its long keeping and good shipping qualities are really marvelous and unequalled by any other variety, old or new; and notwithstanding the depreciation of all values, I still believe it is and will be the most profitable grape to grow for the future in this blessed country of ours.

I am too old and weak to express my hope and opinion from any selfish standpoint, yet all I know and can influence, I shall advise to plant and grow as many of your Campbell's Early as they possibly can. It is the best of all American grapes, the grape of the future. With kind regards. Isidor Bush. (Author of The Bushberg Grape Manual).

Bluffton, Mo., Sept. 26, 1897.

Friend Josselyn:—There is no use in going into a long detail about the merits of Campbell's Early grape. A grape larger in bunch and berry than the Concord and of superior quality, with the advantage of being two weeks earlier than that variety, is enough to establish its reputation throughout the land. It will be an excellent shipper and can be kept long after ripe. Samuel Miller.

Boonville, Mo., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came through in good condition, proving conclusively that they are THE shipping grape. Those who saw them admired their size, color and general appearance.

H. W. Jenkins.

Campbell, Mo., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes and say they excel my expectations.

W. W. Stanley.

Chillicothe, Mo., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes. They were in good condition and kept until the meeting of the Livingston County Horticultural Society, Oct. 2, 1897, so that the president and society gave an expression as follows, viz.:

Chillicothe, Mo., Oct. 2, 1897.—I regard Campbell's Early grape the finest grape, all things considered, that I have ever seen.

G. A. Smith, President,  
Livingston Co. Hort. Society  
and Professor at Normal, Chillicothe.

On motion of Mr. R. M. Meager, the society concurs in the same opinion unanimously.

G. P. Pepper.

Elmgrove, Mo. Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes were received in good condition except a little over ripe. We consider the quality of this grape first class. While in size, both of berry and bunch, it certainly is above the average. No doubt Campbell's Early will have a great run.

N. F. Murray & Co.

Independence, Mo., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition and looking almost as though just picked from the vines. It certainly will be a valuable market grape, possessing so many good qualities such as large size bunch and berry, good quality and color, and so early, with keeping qualities unsurpassed.

Williamson & Co.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes in good condition, and are very much pleased with the condition, size, flavor, size of bunch and the manner in which they adhere to the stem. It is certainly the best early grape that we have seen. We admire the flavor which is certainly far superior to Moore's Early or Concord.

Blair & Kaufman.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived today in the best condition, the first we have seen of them. We expected something very good from the testimonials we have seen, but unlike many new introductions, we find them very much superior to what we expected. The flavor being excellent, the berries and clusters so much larger than any grapes known in the Eastern or middle States and the foliage so perfect, will certainly place it ahead of Concord or any of our commercial varieties.

R. H. Blair & Co.

Lee's Summit, Mo., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the basket of Campbell's Early grapes O. K., and they were very fine.

M. Butterfield.

Lee's Summit, Mo., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came duly to hand. While we are specialists and extensive growers of apple seedlings, we have handled a great many grapes and were never so favorably impressed with any variety, as to its appearance, quality and the splendid condition in which it arrived as this one. One of the parties examining and testing the flavor remarked that they were the only grapes they ever enjoyed eating when they removed the seeds.

Jackson County Nursery Co.

Louisiana, Mo., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in last night and to say they are of magnificent size and appearance is not to say anything more than is their just due. The clusters, particularly the larger ones, are grand and the quality is doubtless all that could be expected.

Stark Bros. N. & O. Co.

Maryville, Mo., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We think the Campbell's Early the handsomest black grape we ever saw. Large bunch, large berries and very compact. As to quality we pronounce them excellent, the seeds parting readily from the pulp.

T. W. Gaunt.

Sarcoxis, Mo., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived Sept. 25. The grape seems to have the characteristics of the Hartford but a much better grape and should ripen here about the last week in July if it ripens with the Moore's Early and if more prolific, will supersede that variety here as elsewhere. The Moore's Early is not an early bearer nor is it prolific. Should the Campbell's Early maintain its young bearing habit, it will give it a decided advantage over other early sorts.

James B. Wild & Bro.

New Haven, Mo., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early came to hand several days ago. It is the finest thing we have seen for a good while. Large bunches and every grape perfect and of excellent quality. In our opinion it will merit the success it will no doubt attain at your hands.

New Haven Nurseries.

Nursery, P. O., Mo., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in fine condition and were pronounced by all that tasted them, to be of very fine quality, bunches compact and as sound as if just cut from the vines, skin thin but tough. We think it a very valuable grape indeed.

H. J. Weber & Son.

Trenton, Mo., Oct. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in good condition. Bunch and berry are large and fine. In short, Campbell's Early is a superb grape both in flavor and appearance.

E. L. Mason.

Warrensburg, Mo., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes in perfect condition and considering the size of bunch and size of berry, we thought it was the nicest we ever saw and hope we will find that it succeeds well here with us.

L. Mohler & Bro.

Weatherby, Mo., Sept. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received yesterday. They are certainly very fine. I think they would have carried to Frisco all right.

A. L. Zimmerman.

Westport, Mo., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—On my arrival yesterday from a trip West, I received the Campbell's Early grapes you sent me by express the 21st ult. and to my surprise, found every cluster in perfect condition. The clusters are the largest of any early grape I have yet seen and if the vine is as hardy, healthy and productive as is claimed for it, it will in my judgment soon become the leading early market grape.

C. H. Kessler.

Pattonville, Mo., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine condition. I think it a most remarkable grape to ripen with Moore's Early and to be in good condition the last of September. The quality is all that can be desired. All who have seen and tasted pronounced it fine.

G. Long.

Pattonville, Mo., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early kept almost a week in good condition in a warm room. All that tasted were delighted with the flavor.

G. Long.

Station "B," St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes yesterday in excellent condition. The first noticeable characteristic which impressed us was the very thick skin. It certainly will be an excellent shipping grape. The bunches are full, grape large and quality good. The seeds parting so readily from the pulp is certainly a great point in its favor. It is as much superior to Concord as wine is to water.

Schuette & Czarnowski.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. The fruit is very large and also the bunches.

C. Young & Sons Co.

Springfield, Mo., Oct. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received from you in the fall of 1896, one Campbell's Early grape vine with others, and planted the same in spring of 1897, in a plot with seventeen other varieties (one hundred and fifty vines). At this writing, the Campbell's Early is by far the largest vine, all being worked and treated alike. The season was very dry.

W. C. Everingham.

West Plains, Mo., Nov. 15, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine that we got of you last winter was the nicest packed vine I ever received. I planted it in what proved to be quite a wet place and thought it was never going to start, drowned out, but it did start late, then we had a very dry summer. Still it grew two canes nearly four feet each. I think there is no question but that it is a healthy strong grower. Soil was fertilized only medium.

L. C. Perry.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vines have made a satisfactory growth; the foliage was abundant and healthy. The largest vine has made a growth of twenty-six feet eleven inches; the next twenty feet; and the smallest fifteen feet ten inches.

W. H. Rychlicki.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 1, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early vines planted last spring did fine.  
C. F. Rueggeger.

Bluffton, Mo., Sept. 26, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—I do not regret my investment in Campbell's Early grape vines last spring. They have grown wonderfully and I can expect some fruit from them next season.  
Samuel Miller

Pattonville, Mo. Sept. 30, 1897.  
Dear Sir: My vine of Campbell's Early has made only a fair growth this season, owing to the unprecedented drought that we have had this summer and fall.  
G. Long.

From Coleman's Rural World, St. Louis, Oct. 7, 1897:

Campbell's Early grape is a seedling that we had heard much of but had not seen until last week, when we received a basket from our friend, Geo. S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y. Its quality is far superior to what we had expected; indeed, it is way ahead of all the early grapes of its class in quality, making a very fine desert variety. The berry and cluster are large, glossy black, with blue bloom, pulp sweet and juicy, seeds small and few, and part readily from the pulp. Those who want a good early grape for the table will find it in Campbell's Early.

From Samuel Miller in Coleman's Rural World, Oct. 14, 1897:

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

It is needless to go into detail about this grape; will simply state that it is larger in bunch and berry than the Concord, and better in quality. It will be a much better grape to ship, as it has a tough skin, although very thin, and the berries hold well to the stem. The Campbell's Early is a splendid grower. I paid \$5 for two vines last spring and they have made a growth that may show me some fruit next season. S. M.

From the St. Louis Journal of Agriculture Oct. 7, 1897:

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

Through the courtesy of the introducer of this excellent grape, Geo. S. Josselyn, of Fredonia, N. Y., the Journal is able to pass an opinion as to its merits, and has no hesitation in endorsing all that has been claimed for it. It has an agreeable flavor, with large berry, and sweet juicy pulp. The skin is firm and tough, which make the grape a good shipper, and consequently a useful addition to our already established varieties.

### MONTANA.

Bozeman, Mont., Nov. 15, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early fruit came in remarkable condition and was preserved fully for two weeks after receipt. The Campbell's Early grape vine has thrown out two shoots, one three and one-half feet long, the second two feet long of strong, healthy, vigorous habit. I consider this remarkably fine considering that in this altitude (4793 feet) grapes do not do at all well.  
S. M. Emery, Director.  
Montana Exp. Station.

### NEBRASKA.

Fairbury, Neb., Oct. 20, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came to hand Sept. 24 in elegant condition. Did not find a damaged berry in the lot which is certainly remarkable. I handed some of the fruit to Mr. O. C. Burch and also to Mr. C. M. Hulbert and we all pronounce them of superior quality. You certainly have a valuable market grape.  
J. A. Gage.

Arlington, Neb., Sept. 28, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in good condition. We think the quality good; berries and bunch large as we expected.  
Marshall Bros.

York, Neb. Sept. 25, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came in fine shape. We can say they are the finest grapes we have seen this season. If they will stand this climate they will be the early grape for us.  
Harrison Nursery Co.

Brownville, Neb. Oct. 1, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—I have a few vines of Campbell's Early grape which have fruited and please me.  
Robt. W. Furnas.

Tecumseh, Neb., Oct. 1, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in first class condition. To say that I am pleased with it is putting it mildly. I wish I had ten thousand vines in a vineyard. It is a splendid grape and its tough skin, tender pulp, earliness and keeping qualities, makes it the most valuable grape in existence today.  
A. Gaiser.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 28, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. The grapes are very fine and came through in nice shape. I think they will be quite an acquisition to the grape list if they will stand the West.  
B. E. Fields.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 25, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The grapes received in best possible condition, not a berry injured or defective. From the description I have read I was not prepared to see so fine a grape in Campbell's Early. I believe it is destined to take the lead as an early grape, if not for all seasons on account of its keeping as well as other good qualities.  
R. N. Day.

Wymore, Neb., Sept. 25, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. This is certainly a valuable market grape owing to its quality, size and firmness.  
J. M. Russell & Co.

Geneva, Neb., Sept. 30, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—It came very convenient for us to take the sample of Campbell's Early grapes to the State Fair and we saw to it that every fruit man there sampled the grapes. Every man expressed himself very highly pleased with the quality of the fruit and its general appearance.  
Youngers & Co.

Omaha, Neb. Sept. 27, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes reached me in perfect condition. I took the fruit with me to the Nebraska State Fair where it was submitted to the judgment of at least a dozen leading fruit growers of Nebraska and Western Iowa and seen by thousands of others. The reception given the grape by the most critical is very favorable. Its appearance is equal to the best California fruit. We like the freedom with which it parts from the seeds and the tough skin which insures good shipping quality. I can cordially recommend it, as I believe it a distinct advance on former varieties.  
H. F. McIntosh, Publisher.  
The Cultivator.

Fairbury, Neb., Nov. 6, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand all right. After coming a distance of over a thousand miles, they were in remarkably good shape. The berries are very large and quality as good as the best.  
Carl Sonderegger.

Arlington, Neb., Nov. 5, 1897.  
\* Dear Sir:—We must say that we had a very dry season here; extremely dry for this part of the state, which rendered it very unfavorable for transplanting vines, yet the Campbell's Early made a ripe growth of two feet while the Goethe planted at same time and along side of Campbell's Early, all died during the extreme dry hot weather of August. In an ordinary season and with average care, we think the Campbell's Early would make a very strong vigorous growth with us.  
Marshall Bros.

Fairbury, Neb., Nov. 6, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a good vigorous growth, there being three shoots of about four feet each in length. I shall cover two of them this fall while the third one I will leave uncovered to test the hardness of the vine.  
Carl Sonderegger.

Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 20, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine has made a seven foot growth. It has been very dry here this summer. The other vines did well. Out of the 262 vines you sent me last spring, all grew but six. I am very well pleased.  
J. E. Møder.

Tecumseh, Neb., Oct. 1, 1897.  
Dear Sir:—The two Campbell's Early vines I bought of you last spring have done finely.  
A. Gaiser.

From Notes on Nebraska State Fair in Cultivator, Oct. 1, '97.

The collection of grapes made a notable exhibit, both in number of varieties, number of plates, and quality. There were not far from 300 plates on exhibition. They included all the standard varieties, and the leading new sort, "Campbell's Early," now being introduced by George S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., and which was most favorably commented upon because of its large size, earliness and shipping quality.

From the Cultivator, Omaha, Oct. 15, 1897.

### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPES.

This grape, now being introduced by George S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., originated with George W. Campbell, Delaware, O. It is a seedling, said to combine Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early and Hamburg lineage. This grape seems to have been thoroughly tested before being offered to the public, and combines earliness of ripening with large size and desirable eating qualities.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Josselyn, we have been able to sample this grape. The Campbell's Early is large size, very black, compact clusters and tough in skin. It is a very juicy grape, with a spicy, refreshing flavor, and the pulp parts from the stone readily, a feature of importance with some persons.

From the Nebraska Farmer, Lincoln, Oct. 7, 1897.

The editor of this journal has had the pleasure of a sample basket of the celebrated Campbell's Early grape, being introduced and advertised by Geo. S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y. Though shipped a long distance they came in fine shape. The clusters were large and well filled, the fruit very large and of a glossy black color, the pulp sweet and juicy and of excellent flavor, seeds small, few in number and readily part from the pulp, so they need not be swallowed and the skin just tough enough to preserve the fruit for a long time. We advise those interested desiring further particulars to write the above.

### NEW JERSEY.

Nutley, N. J., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received Campbell's Early grapes in good order and have tested them very carefully. I have had some experience in grapes, for up to the end of 1883 I grew a large number of varieties and two years in succession was awarded ten premiums each year at Waverly, six were first premiums each year. I also took two first premiums at the New York Horticultural Society in New York. I have grown in Bermuda, over thirty varieties of Vitis grapes and have seen plenty of grapes growing in France, Italy and Turkey so that I know a good many varieties. Now for my opinion of the Campbell's Early. I think it ought, if it continues to behave well, to knock all other black varieties out. I do not see any use for the Concord, &c., as there is no mistake about Campbell's Early growing. It has made a heavy cane with me, twelve feet long. I feel certain that Campbell's Early can be grown in this section. I have let a number of people taste it and they all pronounce it good and far superior to the Concord as I think too. We have had a very trying summer this year, twenty-five inches of rain during July and August, so that mildew has got in its work and has given all varieties a severe test. I found that Campbell's Early, Esther, Brilliant, Cynthia, Lady Washington, Jefferson, Early Victor and Green Mountain were not affected at all; while Empire State, Rockwood, Eumelan and Downing only had a light touch of it, Iona a little and several others went to pieces.

J. Hart.

Bridgeton, N. J., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. They are very fine.

Joseph Burt.

So. Seaville, N. J., Sept. 27, 1897

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived today, being over four days since shipped. The stems of the bunches show they have been ripe some time as they are quite dry but the grapes adhere well to the stems and do not crack. The size of berries is very large, has few seeds, tender flesh, not foxy in the least.

S. T. Hillman.

Manalapan, N. J., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in good condition and were highly appreciated.

D. Baird & Son.

Parry, N. J., Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent condition. Bunch and berry large, black with slight bloom, pulp juicy and sweet with no unpleasantness, seeds small and readily extracted. The large, thick, luxuriant appearance of the leaf indicate a vigorous, healthy plant free from mildew or constitutional weakness. We were very much pleased with it.

Parry's Pomona Nurseries.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early came to hand in fine condition. We are very much pleased with the grape in every respect.

The Elizabeth Nursery Co.

Bridgeton, N. J., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition. The bunches were very compact, berries large and firm with a peculiar flavor that I liked. Then it being so near seedless is very much in its favor.

R. D. Cole.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came in good condition. It is a splendid grape. The bunches and individual berries are wonderfully large, magnificent! The color is good, quality very good. The seeds are few and separate easily from the pulp. We think it a long stride forward among our native grapes.

Edwin Allen & Son,

Vineland, N. J., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes some days ago and unhesitatingly pronounced them a very fine flavored grape. Clusters perfect and large, and I think it must prove a great acquisition to the grape growing fraternity.

Ellis & Sons.

Athenia, N. J., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes at hand in perfect condition. I have over sixty varieties in my vineyard. After sampling the Campbell's Early I place it at the head. One of the clusters sent measured ten and one-half inches in length and was double shouldered. The flavor was "out of sight." This grape will knock out the appendicitis scare as the pulp is sweet and tender to the center.

T. C. Kevitt.

Moorestown, N. J., Oct. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in best of condition, I think this new variety will be a valuable addition to the already large list of varieties of grapes.

Jno. S. Collins.

Springfield, N. J., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—On our return home we find your basket of Campbell's Early grapes. We thank you for the sample and find the fruit at this late date still in excellent condition.

Flemmer & Feimly.

Hightstown, N. J., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We would say of the Campbell's Early grape that it is the best very early grape that we have ever seen. It does not shell easily like many others and it is a splendid shipper, not cracking nor crushing from its own weight. We have found this to be a serious fault with some of our best grapes and we congratulate you on having such a superior grape and one with such a good flavor and sweet.

Jos. H. Black, Son & Co.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I thank you for the opportunity of seeing the fruit of Campbell's Early grape which is of excellent quality. The berry is large and sweet and the bunch above medium size. I should judge its shipping qualities would be unsurpassed (mine came to hand in good condition) and the quality and appearance ought to make it a good market variety.

H. T. Jones.

Moorestown, N. J., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes to hand in good order. They are a fine grape.

Arthur J. Collins.

Montclair, N. J., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine has made a very fine growth. I am well pleased with it and expect to fruit it next season. The two Campbell's Early grape vines Mr. Corby got of you have made a much stronger growth than mine, his ground being much richer than mine. The wood has ripened up fine which is a good deal to say for this season as our season here has been cold, wet and dry; the first part being cold and wet, then came a hot dry spell, July set in with twenty-one days of rain, twenty-six inches fall, eight inches for August. I got my cane up to top of trellis, six feet high, then nipped at that height; but Mr. Corby's grew over eight feet and his canes are stronger than mine.

Geo. W. Fisher.

Vineland, N. J., Nov. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine received from you last spring has grown four feet six inches in height with strong wood, no extra manuring given and planted between old vines. It will have some grapes for sample next year.

Henry G. Hoffmeyer.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 9, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine which I got last spring of you has grown about twenty-five or thirty feet of wood. I feel very proud of it.

George Larison.

Nutley, N. J., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My vine of Campbell's Early has made a heavy cane twelve feet long, with perfectly healthy foliage.

J. Hart.

Metuchen, N. J., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine was slow in starting in the spring, but it has made an excellent growth through the season, one cane about eight feet, another a little less. I have not noticed any disease and the wood is hard and well ripened.

A. W. Marshall.

## NEW YORK.

Room 27, Capitol, Albany, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The basket of beautiful grapes reached me in perfect condition. It almost seemed wrong to destroy the beauty of the clusters by taking them apart for eating but as they were sent for that purpose, I, with the members of my family, have been keenly enjoying them. You have reason to take pride in the grape. The clusters are very beautiful to look at from the size and compactness of the fruit. The pulp is delicious and the ease with which the seeds can be removed (no grape seeds may be safely swallowed) is greatly in their favor. Please accept my earnest wish that the "Campbell's Early grape" will in the future more than meet your present expectations of it.

J. A. Lintner.

State Entomologist.

15 Elberon Place, Albany, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. The large, handsome clusters are a feast to the eye. We found that the taste and flavor was not a whit behind the appearance. That grape ought to sell rapidly on its merits.

E. P. Felt.

Assistant State Entomologist.

N. Y. Agl. Expt. Station, Geneva, N. Y. Sept. 24, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in excellent condition. The large, compact clusters are more attractive in appearance than Moore's Early. The large berries are firmly attached, the skin is tough and the fruit appears to stand shipping better than either Moore's Early or Worden. Although the pulp is somewhat tough it readily releases the seeds. It has a pure flavor, is moderately sweet, sprightly and vinous. It impresses me as a valuable acquisition to the list of early market grapes of good quality.

S. A. Beach.

Horticulturist.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in good condition and are certainly beautiful grapes and a first class shipper. I find the quality to be good and the best very early purple grape I have yet seen.

L. H. Bailey.

Professor of Horticulture.

Akron, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were in fine condition and as nice as I ever tasted, although I did not receive them from the office till five days after shipping.

Albert Hunt.

Batavia, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I like the quality of Campbell's Early grape and the time of ripening and believe it will prove desirable and certainly worthy of taking a prominent place in every garden.

N. Bogue.

Blauvelt, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were duly received. I was very much pleased with the appearance and flavor of the grapes and I have no doubt they would here be just as early and far surpass Moore's Early both in appearance and quality, and more productive, for Moore's Early is a shy bearer with me.

S. B. Huested.

Brighton, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early received in good order. The bunches are good size and good quality, and a good shipper. The skin is rather thick and tough and pulp a little solid, yet perhaps as near perfection in these respects as a grape can be and yet be a good shipper.

J. F. LeClare.

Brocton, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I will say that I consider the Campbell's Early grape the best new black grape, excelling all other black grapes for a general market. The first I saw of them was last year at our Horticultural meeting held in Brocton the fall of 1896. This season's fruit fully bears out my first impression of its hardness and quality. As a shipping variety it is not excelled, as it adheres firmly to the stem and from its present appearance, must sell well in London and also in our home markets. I would be glad if I had a hundred acres of them instead of Concord and Worden as I believe there is a future for them.

G. E. Ryckman.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early are a superb grape.

C. A. Sweet.

President Third Nat. Bank.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The quality of the Campbell's Early grape is really fine. I like the flavor better than any grape I have tasted in a long time. The berries are good size, cling well to the stem, the pulp sweet and very agreeable parting easily from the seeds and from the toughness of the skin I should imagine it a splendid shipper.

Alf. H. Hayes.

Cayuga, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I think much of the Campbell's Early grape and am sure it will make room for itself among the already large number of meritorious varieties. It will not need puffing to establish itself.

H. S. Wiley.

Clintondale, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition. It is a fine looking grape and evidently a first class shipper.

C. E. Cornell.

Dansville, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in splendid condition, the clusters are the nicest I ever saw from first year bearing vines and the quality of the grape is certainly very good.

Edward Bacon.

Dansville, N. Y., Sep. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came duly to hand. Was very agreeably surprised for I did not expect quite so fine a grape. Quality and appearance extra good.

Bryant Bros.

Dansville, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have been enjoying greatly the Campbell's Early grapes. There is no doubt about its having a future as I should imagine it to be the best shipper on the list. It is a "handsome looker," of best quality and all things point to it as a winner.

Geo. A. Sweet.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came all right and were exceedingly fine, the flavor especially so.

M. L. Hinman.

Floral Park, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—They were very fine clusters and Campbell's Early is, all in all, a very fine grape.

John Lewis Childs.

Fredonia, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—We have just been eating some Campbell's Early grapes and find them very fine both in quality and appearance.

Kinner & Ferguson.

Geneva, N. Y., Sep. 15, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes were duly received. This is the first opportunity I have ever had to test them and I desire to assure you that it seems to me they are all they have been represented. Certainly it is an acquisition to the list of good early grapes. The clusters are fine and to me, it is one of those grapes that a man can eat with such satisfaction that he will always want more of them.

S. D. Willard.

Geneva, N. Y., Sep. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—You have certainly found a decided acquisition to the list of grapes. Large and showy in appearance, sweet and pleasant to the taste and the thick skin and tendency to hang to the stem will make Campbell's Early a valuable market grape.

W. & T. Smith Co.

Germantown, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—As an early grape I certainly think Campbell's Early is far superior to anything I have ever yet seen and tasted. The tough skin must give it superior shipping qualities while the eating qualities are equal to the best that I have yet seen.

John H. Hover.

Hector, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Received September 26th a basket of Campbell's Early grapes. They came in fine order. I have kept two clusters until today, just as you packed them. They were all right, as good as ever.

Budd & Kenyon.

Heddens, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I think the Campbell's Early grape clusters are the finest I ever saw. Without doubt they are the coming early grape.

A. C. Woolley.

Highland, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—It looks to me that the Campbell's Early is to be the coming early black grape.

Aaron Rhodes.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent condition. The clusters are large and well formed, berries large, color and quality good. Shows good shipping qualities. If the vine shows as many good points as the fruit, you certainly have an excellent grape.

Geo. H. Hook.

Lockport, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Friend:—The Campbell's Early grapes were most delicious. I think they are the finest grapes I ever ate.

P. H. Tuohy.

Medina, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I think Campbell's Early is the finest early grape that I ever ate.

D. Bogue.

Middle Hope, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—By an oversight we did not get the Campbell's Early grapes from the express office (where they arrived Sept. 23) till last evening. The fruit was in perfect condition and is a magnificent show grape. Our friends pronounce the quality excellent. Owing to illness, I have not been allowed to eat a particle of fruit of any kind all the season so I did not taste a grape.

Last spring we secured and set a few vines of this variety that are doing well.

W. D. Barns.

150 Broadway, New York City, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. The size and compactness of the bunch would seem to indicate great bearing qualities of the vine and the remarkably firm texture of the pulp must give this grape unusual value for shipping.

Fred W. Kelsey.

North Collins, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir: From the size of bunch and berry combined with its unusual fine quality, we can come to no other conclusion but that you have in Campbell's Early, the best—the very best—early black grape ever introduced. If productive, as no doubt it is, it will prove a good variety for the commercial grower, a place not filled by any other early variety.

E. Willett & Son.

Norwich, N. Y., Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes are certainly fine. I have waited somewhat to test the keeping qualities of Campbell's Early and today we used some of them that had kept all this time and were better than when first received.

N. S. Hull.

No. Urbana, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in splendid shape. I found them to be of first class quality, clinging to the stem well, sweet to the center and of very fine appearance. I think it would stand shipping better than the Concord as it has a thicker skin. I showed them to several of our best fruit growers and they all pronounced them first class.

E. F. Gleason.

Palmyra, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Accept our thanks for the Campbell's Early grapes. We received them just in time for our Agricultural Fair and they took first prize. They were sampled by several good judges of grapes and pronounced No. 1 in every way. They were as firm as Damson plums and with their extreme earliness, indestructible skin and delicious tender pulp, you surely have something better than Klondike in Campbell's Early grape.

Allyn Bros.

Palmyra, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in perfect order, not a grape being detached from the six bunches received. This variety "fills the bill" with me. I have long looked for a luscious, meaty, early grape of large size and compact bunch. As such Campbell's Early is superior to any early sort I have ever seen or tasted.

A. M. Purdy.

Penn Yan, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in good condition. They were well ripened and I consider it a grape of much merit.

J. O. Rupert.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—After a long journey the Campbell's Early grapes appeared as fresh as if handed in by a neighbor. By far the best shipper I ever saw. Bunches very large for such young vines. In quality will rank with the best, and if hardy, in my opinion will be the most successful fruit grape ever introduced.

J. M. Lavigne.

Pratt's Hollow, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The grapes arrived in excellent condition. We think the quality of the Campbell's Early very fine. They excel all other early varieties in some points, viz.: size of bunch and toughness of skin.

C. T. Fearon.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in excellent condition and we wish to state that the quality is certainly A 1.

Allen Nursery Co.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes in splendid condition. We consider the earliness of ripening as very strong point in their favor and also they have the desirable quality of leaving a good taste in the mouth, making anyone always wish for more. We would not hesitate to recommend them to our customers, as we would some new varieties on the market.

Thomas W. Bowman & Son.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us yesterday. We are free to say that it is the finest new grape we have seen in a long time and are very much pleased both with its appearance and quality. It is doubtless destined to become a standard variety.

Brown Brothers Company.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect order. It is large and handsome and will undoubtedly prove a valuable early variety.

Ellwanger & Barry.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We acknowledge receipt of Campbell's Early in perfect condition and we think we should be safe in saying they were capable of making a very much longer journey and still arriving in perfect condition. The quality is O. K.; the grape is magnificent.

Glen Brothers.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Thanks for basket of Campbell's Early grapes which came in fine condition. This is a hardy grape of the Concord type, very early and superior to Concord in quality; bunches large, compact; skin capable of resisting harsh treatment in transit, and gives promise of being a valuable market grape.

Chas. A. Green.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received yesterday and we consider it a very fine grape, one of the best we have ever seen.

The Hawks Nursery Co.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The splendid Campbell's Early grapes received. We desire to express our admiration of this fine grape. We were particularly struck by the beauty of the clusters; the large size and firmness of the berries. In quality we should consider it superior to the Concord, but we have not seen a grape which stood up so well and which appeared to stand shipping as well as the Campbell's Early. We are very glad to have this opportunity to test the grape and we shall feel less hesitation in pushing it and recommending it than in the past.

Hooker, Grover & Co.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The "Campbell's Early" arrived in good condition. The bunches are as fine as we ever saw, the flavor and quality is simply excellent and in our opinion could not be better and it should be a decided acquisition to the grape family.

The Rochester Nursery Co.

Jno. C. Shaw, President.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape is all that can be desired, both in appearance and quality. We consider it to be the very best early grape that we have ever eaten.

Irving Rouse.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The quality is good; I think it the best early grape that I have seen, in fact it is far better than I expected.

C. L. Yates.

Seneca, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived here after two days' delay at the express office, in perfect condition, and in quality they certainly are all you claim for them. We never enjoyed a basket of grapes more than we did the Campbell's Early.

W. P. Rupert & Sons.

Stuyvesant, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. Its nice appearance, its earliness and good shipping qualities, make it a very valuable grape.

A. M. Eaton.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received today in perfect condition, in fact they look as if they would carry across the continent. I am very much pleased with them and believe they will fill a space long needed as they possess good quality with such a strong but not unpleasant skin, put up in such superb bunches.

O. D. Green.



Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We are very glad indeed to have an opportunity of testing the Campbell's Early grapes. They arrived in good condition and are a very good early grape. They seem to bunch well and the grapes are of good even size.

Smiths & Powell Co.

Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes are at hand in perfect shape. It seems to be a remarkably fine shipper. The bunches are remarkably compact, berries are large and fine and of the very highest quality. An early grape of this high quality will be an unusually valuable acquisition.

F. R. Pierson Co.

Troy, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received yesterday in fine condition. They are a very handsome grape, of good size and I should think an excellent grape for shipping.

J. B. Hoag.

Waterloo, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in good condition, bunches looked very fine. We think they must be good shippers as the skin appears to be thick and the berries hung firmly on the stem. If a good bearer, which it appears to be, the Campbell's Early grape must be a fine acquisition to the list of grapes.

Peirson Bros.

West Park, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached me in excellent condition. I am feeding off of them daily, prolonging the pleasure and criticism. These grapes certainly do back up well many of the claims you make for them: the skin is tough though thin, and its flavor pleasant to the mouth though held long; the grape is juicy, while the pulp though not in the least tough or stringy (but on the contrary, quite tender) keeps a good, tangible form and adds to the alert, refreshing character of the grape. It certainly in its fruit character is a departure for the better from the Concord, Worden, Moore's Early type, while its holding and shipping qualities can easily be inferred from the basket sent, as the very best. If Campbell's Early will yield with the Concord and be as promptly early as the Moore's Early, then is its coming a fortunate event, for it certainly makes for quality. This has undoubtedly been a trying season on foliage, yet my Campbell's Early set last spring, have stood it well—none better.

Let me add this that has forced itself on my attention in eating of this basket of grapes, namely: the unusually pleasant flavor that lingers in one's mouth for some time after.

W. H. Van Benschoten.

Cheviot, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes I think are just perfect and the quality cannot be surpassed. They kept perfect until the 27th of Oct.

Ephraim Lasher.

Walworth, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were very fine in quality, large size and seem to possess the qualities that should make the variety popular.

T. C. Yeomans.

Hammondsport, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early is a grape of high quality and there are a great many things to recommend it to the public, i. e.—good keeper, does not crack, holds to the stem and is of a flavor that is not to be found in any other variety; pulp sweet to the center, small seeds and very few of them.

R. Longwell.

Westfield, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were very fine and at this date are eatable, as we left a bunch or two to see how they are for keepers. We think they have many good points, especially size of cluster and berry, color and quality for table purposes. We feel sure this variety has a great future before it.

H. W. Blowers.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes you sent us removed all doubts and satisfied us that in quality it was far ahead of any early sort we are acquainted with. They were delicious eating. The bunches and berries were models and altogether it seems to us a variety well worthy of its originator. It seems to us it must supplant all other early sorts.

Luke Bros. Co.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We had a call for two hundred or three hundred baskets of Campbell's Early grapes and would like to know if you could furnish them or if you know where we could procure the fruit.

Chase Brothers Company.

Highland, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent me last spring has made a growth of six feet with some side branches. I am satisfied that you have a grand thing in the Campbell's Early grape.

Aaron Rhodes.

Penn Yan, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a very fine growth and is well ripened up. I think we will have some fruit from it next year, it is so strong and vigorous.

J. O. Rupert.

Marlboro, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine sent me last spring has made six feet of close jointed well ripened wood. I consider it a very vigorous vine. It has been entirely free from mildew and held its foliage until late without spraying, when all the Concord in this section have been troubled more with mildew this year than I ever knew before.

S. Haviland.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The vine of Campbell's Early grape sent me last spring has made a fine growth.

Wm. C. Barry.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine made a rather slender growth the past year, making a total length of four feet together with two laterals. Perhaps it did not have a fair show because the ground was rather hard clay and the season against it, but it does not appear to us, however, to be a weak grower.

L. H. Bailey.

Prof. of Horticulture.

Fredonia, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine made a fair growth considering the dryness of the season, with not the best of care.

U. E. Dodge.

Master of the first Grange organized in America.

East Penfield, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The one year old Campbell's Early grape vines I purchased of you last spring have made a good, vigorous growth.

P. W. Butler.

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The vine of Campbell's Early grape which you sent here last spring, was set on rather dry ground. Compared with other vines in the same soil, it has made a good growth, having made from five to six feet of wood.

S. A. Beach, Horticulturist.

New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

Fredonia, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine planted last spring shows a healthy growth of four canes from four to six feet long.

John W. Hunn.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1897.

My Dear Mr. Josselyn:—I have not good soil, as it is heavy clay, nor is my Campbell's Early vine in a choice position, yet it has done well and is now in good condition and is vigorous. With kind regards, I am

(Rev.) Charles A. Bragdon.

Cassville, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—In reference to the growth and vigor of the Campbell's Early grape vine, I have but the highest praise as in both respects it is far in the lead of all my other kinds. No signs of mildew or other disease and the most symmetrical growth I ever saw.

I. B. Tuckerman.

Germantown, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine, not having had the care it should have had, has made a fine stocky growth of well ripened wood. Judging from its appearance at this time, it promises something very fine for another season.

John H. Hover.

Hilton, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I planted the Campbell's Early vines in an old vineyard near large vines which had been planted about thirty years, so they did not have a chance to do very well and the latter part of the summer and all the fall we did not have any rain at all but they have been healthy and have made a good average growth. Wood all ripened well, short jointed, hard and fine. Am much pleased with it.

Delos Tenny.

Fredonia, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine I planted last spring has grown finely the past summer. It shows that it is a strong, vigorous grower with smooth, healthy wood.

C. N. Marsh.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The six Campbell's Early grape vines planted last spring are all alive, have made from two to four feet of growth this season.

Chase Brothers Co.

Cheviot, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vine has done well although the season was not the best for grapes. It has made twelve feet of growth and has kept its leaves until the last frost, Oct. 30. I think it will be one of the best grapes for cultivation.

Ephraim Lasher.

Walworth, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vines you sent us last spring have grown finely. They were very strong plants, about such as from our long business experience, we have learned to expect from you. We never received from you any but very good ones.

T. G. Yeomans.

Hammondsport, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a fine growth this season, so that it reaches the second wire, wood well ripened, free from mildew or any disease, with thick heavy leaf and a strong grower.

R. Longwell.

Extracts from the Rural New Yorker of December 16, 1893:

"One of the bunches proves that the size of the berry, as shown in the photo-engraving, is not overdrawn."

"There is no acidity in the flesh about the seed, as there is in the Concord. As there is a growing and not ill-founded objection to swallowing grape-seeds, this is a strong point in its favor. It is a mild and yet richly-flavored grape, without a trace of foxiness that we can discover. The flesh is inclined to be meaty, with less pulp than the Concord. The seeds—of medium size and averaging three in number—part readily from the flesh. Here, again, it has a decided advantage over the Concord. It is a better grape than the Concord in these important respects, while its earlier maturity is of inestimable value."

Some clusters were sent to the Rural New Yorker in September, 1894, to which Mr. Carman replied as follows:

"The bunches received. I am really glad that I was the first to tell in print of this grand grape."

October 1, 1894, in a letter to Mr. Josselyn, Mr. Carman says:

"Our respected friend, Mr. Campbell, again sends me a bunch of Campbell's Early. This grape seems to me almost perfect. It is a grand grape."

From the Rural New Yorker, Oct. 20, 1894, in an article on Campbell's Early:

"The following notes were made as the result of a careful comparison with Concord: Skin firmer and more tenacious, more 'fat' under the skin; flesh more meaty, more tender, less pulp, scarcely a trace of acidity in the flesh about the seeds; sweeter, richer. A decidedly better grape in every way."

From the Rural New Yorker, March 9, 1895:

"Mr. Josselyn will be the introducer of Campbell's Early grape, which in quality and appearance is the best native black grape we have ever seen."

From the Rural New Yorker, May 16, 1896:

"The past winter was one of exceptional severity. We do not know how low the mercury fell, but we do know that it touched eighteen degrees below zero. It is a great pleasure to be able to state that Campbell's Early—which we believe, though judging from too little knowledge possibly, will prove to be the best black grape at present known—without any protection, has not been injured in the least."

From the Rural New Yorker, Oct. 9, 1897.

A second vine of Campbell's Early grape was received from the introducer, Geo. S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., in the fall of 1895. It bore one bunch only, and this on a branch not over six inches above the soil. It was bagged when the berries were the size of the earliest peas, and the bag was not removed until September 21. The berries on the vine received from the originator, Geo. W. Campbell, during 1894 ripened between August 28 and early September almost exactly with Moore's Early. We were, therefore, prepared to find the berries of the bagged bunch of the 1895 vine shriveled and fallen from the stems. The berries and bunch, however, were absolutely perfect. Every berry was the size of every

other berry, and all of them the size of the finest Concord. This is a most valuable characteristic of this splendid grape—uniformity of size and ripening. Its keeping qualities, as judged by this one trial, are also remarkable. The berries adhere as firmly to the stems as do those of the earlier season. Some may prefer a sweeter grape; some with less pulp; some with other qualities more or less pronounced. In the writer's opinion, Campbell's Early, for the climate of the Rural Grounds, is the nearest to perfection of any grape grown there.

From the New York Tribune, Oct. 13, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

George S. Josselyn, nurseryman at Fredonia, N. Y., has obtained control of Campbell's Early grape, and this season it is first offered to the fruit-growing public. Fruit from vines only twenty months planted out was shown at the Chautauque Horticultural Society's annual exhibit in 1896, and scored higher than any other seedling grape ever exhibited before the Society. We have examined samples of the Campbell grape, and agree with the editor of "Fruit," who gives the following conclusions after an inspection of the vines and the fruit.

Campbell's Early is fully as early as Moore's Early, is of good size, not liable to crack, free from mildew and of exceptionally good, firm shipping quality. A prominent shipper after examining it declared, "this grape can be shipped around the world." In dessert quality it is unrivalled by any of our present list of first early market grapes. It is, both as to cluster and berry, of large size, of a glossy black color, with a beautiful blue bloom; pulp sweet and juicy; free from foxiness; seeds small, few in number and part readily from the pulp. For those who do not swallow grape seeds, this variety will be a great favorite. Its value to the commercial grower, in our judgment, consists largely in that it will extend the grape marketing season. We have been crippled by the want of an early market grape of the first quality. Campbell's Early seems destined to supply this deficiency.

From the American Agriculturist, Nov. 6, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

Another year's experience with this new grape, originated by George W. Campbell and now being introduced by George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., confirms our good opinion of it when we first gave an illustration and description of it in our pages. At the recent meeting of the American Pomological Society at Columbus, O., it was awarded the Wilder silver medal, and at the American Institute fair in Madison Square garden, New York, where it is now on exhibition, it received the highest award given for new fruits. In our own grounds it has proved hardy, healthy, prolific, earlier than Concord or Worden and superior in quality to either. In every respect it may be considered a most valuable addition to our list of early black grapes.

From the Cultivator and Country Gentleman, Sept. 30, 1897.

#### A REMARKABLE GRAPE.

Mr. George S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., sends us a basket of Campbell's Early grapes. The clusters are fine, certainly; and the berries are large, of a glossy black color with a beautiful blue bloom, pulp sweet and juicy; free from foxiness; seeds small, few in number and parting readily from the pulp, a highly commendable peculiarity, as tending to discourage the bad practice of swallowing these indigestible articles. The fruit was scored last year, and in our judgment quite properly, at 96 out of a possible 100, the judges being Prof. Lodeman of Cornell and two experienced vineyardists. It appears to us that the variety is likely to fill an important place as an early market grape of the first quality, especially as it seems to be exceptionally well adapted to long distance shipping.

From the New York Farmer, Fort Jervis, Sept. 30, 1897.

#### CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

The Farmer is in receipt of a few clusters of Campbell's Early grape from its disseminator, Mr. Geo. S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y. Probably no grape now before the public has been more talked of than this and there has been quite a general feeling

that it would fill a gap in our list of early varieties.

A very critical examination of the fruit has produced a most favorable opinion of it, from all standpoints.

First, its quality is very good—very much better than any of its competitors. A notable feature is the absence of that excessive quantity of acidity in its center, which is so often annoying to those, who, like ourselves, always reject the seeds. The clusters are above medium in size, very compact and many of them shouldered. The berry is large, round and black with fine bloom, and it adheres to the clusters so tenaciously that the largest bunch may be lifted by a single berry without separating. Its skin is sufficiently thick to make it a superb shipper as well as long keeper—in fact we should think it would excel in the latter respect any variety now on our lists.

The Farmer has no hesitation in commending it for trial to its horticultural friends and congratulates Mr. Campbell, to whom grape growers owe much, on the production of this, which bids fair to become as popular as his earlier boon, the Delaware.

From American Gardening, New York, Oct. 16, 1897.

#### GRAPE CAMPBELL'S EARLY.

Grape Campbell's Early has already been alluded to in these pages, and lately the introducer, George S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., favored us with some bunches of the fruit. The clusters were very large and as regards flavor, too much can hardly be said for Campbell's Early; it is that of the Concord with a blending of the European Muscat Hamburg. The variety fruits with Moore's Early and having a tough skin keeps and ships well; the berries also hang well on the bunch.

From the Fredonia Advertiser, Sept. 24, 1897.

Geo. S. Josselyn of this village, knows how to give joy and happiness to the newspaper editor, and Wednesday morning he took occasion to display the generosity of his heart by sending to this office a basket of Campbell's Early grapes, a new variety which is now ready to be placed on the market. The fruit was neatly packed. The grapes are delicious and excel any variety, either early or late, that the editor of this paper has had the pleasure to taste. The flavor and general appearance of the fruit ought to make for it a ready sale on the market. Mr. Josselyn is a progressive man and knows a good thing when he sees it, consequently his good judgment prompted him to push this new grape before the public. There is every indication that it will out-rank all other early varieties. The vines are for sale by Mr. Josselyn and grape growers should investigate this new grape. The Josselyn grape propagating concern has developed into great proportions and has gained a reputation second to none for reliability. The pulp of Campbell's Early grape is sweet to the center, so the seed need not be swallowed. The grape was recently awarded a Wilder medal by the American Pomological Society, and the fruit has been known to hang on the vines for six weeks after ripening. The wood is hardy and has stood 18 degrees below zero. The fruit does not crack and will ship around the world.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition and I find the quality excellent and the size and perfection of the bunches remarkable to have come off one year old vines with only two years growth in vineyard.

John A. Young.

Jamestown, N. C., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us today in fine shape. They were delayed on the road for three or four days but looked as fresh and nice as if just gathered from the vines. They were the largest and most compact bunches of any we have seen this season; the flavor is very fine and we see no reason why the grape would not sell readily in any market.

Ragsdale & Smith.

Pomona, N. C., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes this morning. I consider it a very fine grape. The bunches were extra fine. I saw the same grape at Columbus Ohio, and the bunches there were much larger than the ones you sent me, almost double the size. I am satisfied that it will be a grape that will take well for market on account of its earliness and fine large bunches.

President North Carolina Horticultural Society.

Southern Pines, N. C., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent order. I am highly pleased with the quality and think it is the best early grape I know of. It is an improvement on the Moore's Early on account of the smallness of the seeds. I have shown it to a number of the grape growers here and they speak well of it. The carrying quality is all that can be desired.

H. F. Bilyeau.

Southern Pines, N. C., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine which I planted last spring has grown three and one-half feet with two very fair laterals and one half inch in diameter at stool. A severe hail storm on June 12th cut the foliage off and broke down the cane or I think it would have grown six or eight feet.

E. B. Hodgins, Supt.

J. Van Lindley Or. Co.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine planted last spring remained dormant until about the 1st of June when it began to grow. It grew finely until about the 1st of August, as much as two inches some days, when the top was accidentally broken off. It is now seven feet long and has thirty-seven well developed buds and I believe it would have grown to be twelve or fifteen feet long had the top not been broken off or had I allowed a lateral shoot to grow. The leaves have remained perfectly green and healthy and are just now beginning to drop. The wood has ripened to the end and is nowhere smaller than an ordinary sized pencil. In short, I never had a vine (barring the accident to it) behave so nicely as it did. It is five feet longer than the other vines you sent me and that, too, with exactly the same treatment.

Jonas Cook.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The vine of Campbell's Early grape grew thriftily till about the 1st of July. Frequent rain from early in June until middle of July, injured the foliage and checked its growth. Later a new and strong growth occurred and it is now in good condition. The main cane is six feet in length and there are a few small laterals near the ground.

J. S. Breece.

Pomona, N. C., Nov. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine sent me last spring threw up five shoots, the shortest one is three feet long and the others run four, five and the longest one is seven feet, so I consider this very good growth for the first year.

J. Van Lindley,

President North Carolina Horticultural Society.

#### OHIO.

Circleville, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in fine condition. It is indeed a fine grape, in my opinion far superior to Moore's Early in flavor. The seeds remove so easily from the pulp being much in its favor and from appearance they are fine shippers.

John J. Brehmer.

Clyde, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received yesterday and were the best early black grape which I have tasted.

G. S. Pickett.

Columbus Grove, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes are at hand in fine shape. To say they are fine and of good quality is expressing it mildly. They beat anything I ever saw in the grape line and I have tested nearly everything of value.

A. F. McAdams.

Coshocton, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. They are in perfect condition, seem firm enough to carry several thousand miles; are very large and beautiful; of good quality; and have no doubt the vine itself has the hardness and good bearing qualities Mr. Campbell claims for it.

Jas. R. Johnson.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1897.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW GRAPES.

We, the committee appointed to examine new grapes at the Ohio State Fair, would say, fine specimens of Campbell's Early were exhibited. Clusters were long, often shouldered or double shouldered, averaging larger than Concord. Color black; skin thin but firm, and the berry does not fall from the stem. Seeds few and part easily from the pulp. Quality first class. We believe that for a table and market grape it is worthy of general cultivation.

(Signed.)

E. M. Woodard, }  
N. Ohmer, } Committee.  
W. W. Farnsworth }

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have your basket of Campbell's Early grapes. Not one berry was broken by the trip which shows Campbell's Early is a first class shipper. The bunches are compact and handsome and the quality is extra fine. M. Crawford

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes and must tell you that after the long journey and standing in the express office over Sunday, I did not find a broken or spoiled grape, but they were remarkably solid and the flavor the best of any early grape I ever tasted and the seeds few and not bitter, while the clusters and berries were large.

S. R. Alexander.

Calla, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes are received. They are certainly very fine. Clusters are unusually large for being grown from young vines.

L. Templin & Sons.

Cedarville, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in prime condition. The bunches as well as the berries are large, of fine flavor and quality. Pulp sweet and readily separates from the seed. Considering everything, it is a fine grape and should be in every fruit garden. It is evidently a good shipper.

E. B. Frantz & Co.  
(Frantz Bros., Mgr.)

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine condition and thoroughly tested. We pronounce it most excellent and think it certainly is all that is claimed for it.

Heikes Nursery Co.

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes and pronounce it SUPERB. The fruit is certainly "all right," in size, quality and compactness of the bunches.

The Hoover & Gaines Co.

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good shape. They were the finest clusters of early grapes I ever saw. I think they will be quite an acquisition to our short list of worthy grapes.

John Siebenthaler.

Delphos, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. The clusters were very fine, round, large berries, black, light blue bloom, skin thin, very juicy, flavor delicate, quality best and a No. 1 market and dessert grape. It equals any black American grape in beauty, is almost perfect and a grand grape.

Albert Mox.

Fremont, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes were received Sept. 22nd in perfect condition. I think it is the best black grape I ever tasted. I showed it to a number of my friends who coincide with me in my opinion. I think it will be a fine thing for the grape grower and for those who like to eat good grapes.

John Day.

Fremont, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received Campbell's Early grapes in good condition and tested them thoroughly, keeping one bunch until about a week ago. We think it of very good quality and believe it to be a very valuable grape for long shipments.

J. D. Muchmore & Son.

Greenville, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Allow me to thank you for the Campbell's Early grapes. I had sampled this valuable grape before at some of our State Horticultural meetings and after carefully going through these, I am well pleased with them and think it is a long step in advance of any early black grape we have on the market at present. My friends to whom I passed the grape, were unanimous in its praise and several of them have placed orders for immediate planting.

E. M. Buechly.

Groesbeck, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in splendid condition; looked as though they had just been taken from the vines. We think it is a very good grape and will become very popular.

M. Barnes & Co.

Hamilton, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes have been tested by myself and others and are pronounced unequalled in all the qualities that go to make up a desirable grape.

Israel Williams.

Kinsey, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in splendid condition. We find it of good size and fine appearance, quality better than most early sorts, clusters nice and of fair size. The solidity of shell is certainly a great advantage it possesses over other varieties. We believe it will stand shipping better than any variety we are acquainted with and we regard it as a valuable sort.

Samuel Kinsey & Co.

Lakeside, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes all right, and certainly think they are the best all around early grape I have seen.

C. D. Johnson.

Lakewood, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in good order. They are the finest in appearance I have seen this season. The quality is very good.

F. E. Carr.

Lorain, Ohio, Oct. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine condition. They were pronounced excellent in quality by all. My judgment of them is that they are A. No. 1 shippers, good quality and very large in berry and bunch.

T. B. Stone.

New Antioch, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in excellent condition. They are the finest grapes we have ever seen in size of bunches and berry. The quality is all that any one could wish for. We know it is a good shipper for we have yet in our office two bunches you sent on the 20th inst. (almost two weeks) and they are yet in good condition.

I. M. VanDervort & Son.

New Carlisle, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes a few days ago. They came in excellent condition and we consider them fine grapes.

F. A. Fissel & Bro.

New Carlisle, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in excellent condition. I am quite familiar with it, having seen it on exhibition at our State Fair, also at a meeting of our Pomological Society of same date at Columbus, Ohio. I am certainly very favorably impressed with it and feel sure it is our best early grape as it combines the qualities of size, earliness, hardness and early bearing.

W. N. Scarff.

Painesville, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes were received in fine condition. Are not able to judge much about the time of ripening, as grapes ripen here so much earlier, but the bunches certainly are very fine, better than any of the early kinds that we know, while the quality is certainly superior to any of the first ripening varieties.

The Storrs & Harrison Co.

Perry, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in very fine condition. We consider it a very nice grape, large clusters and large berry. We should judge it would be an excellent shipper.

The L. Green & Son Co.

Sidney, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of Campbell's Early grapes and find the fruit large, very rich and pulp sweet to center; skin thick. This grape should be an excellent shipper.

Geo. Hemm.

Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came today. They are a very fine looking grape and the quality is A. No. 1.

The Smiths Nursery Co.

Stockton, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in the finest condition. The clusters are remarkably fine. It is certainly a very handsome grape and to our taste, the best of all the early grapes, while its shipping quality will make it valuable as a market variety.

Geo. L. Miller.

Tacoma, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received Campbell's Early grapes in nice condition and such as were not disturbed kept so for two weeks. I showed them to a number of my friends. They all pronounced them very fine in appearance and quality. I think this grape will be a desirable acquisition to our list.

Wm. Stanton.

Tadmor, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes and we think it is very fine.

Peter Bohlender & Son.

Tadmor, Ohio, Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. Owing to its large size, fine flavor and most excellent shipping qualities, it should be one of the varieties selected by every planter, both large and small. We can recommend it to one and all.

The Farmers Nursery Co.

Tiffin, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in good condition. They are good in quality and very handsome in appearance.

Philip H. Bork.

Troy, Ohio, Oct. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The grapes were certainly excellent, with a good flavor and very juicy. You certainly have a valuable variety in the Campbell's Early grape.

Geo. Peters & Co.

Vermillion, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in good condition. As to the quality, in my judgment it is of great value for an early market grape on account of its good shipping qualities.

John Moes.

Versailles, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand just as fresh and nice as if they had been just taken off the vine and I must say they were the finest and best grapes I ever have had. Some of our best grape judges here pronounced them the finest black grape they ever saw. And the beauty of the grape is the small amount of seeds as there is only one in the most of them. I think you have a grape that you may well be proud of.

J. B. Werts.

Willoughby, Ohio, Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have often said if we could have as good a grape as the Concord ripening at about the same time, with a tough skin, it would be the most valuable acquisition that we have had for years in the grape line. We have in Campbell's Early, a much better grape, a week or ten days earlier and a grape that can be picked and shipped without injury and its keeping qualities add greatly to its value as an amateur or market grape.

J. H. Tryon.

North Dover, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Thank you for the Campbell's Early grapes. I am inspector for the D. Grape Shipping Association here. We had the grapes at our office for a week or more, to show to the grape growers. They were pronounced fine, the best they ever saw.

C. M. Limpert.

Medway, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were the largest and most beautiful grapes I ever saw. In my opinion it is a great grape. Not the least foxy and good clear to the skin. I believe it will ship a thousand miles in good order. I took a bunch out of the basket yesterday, Nov. 14th, after having been in the basket nearly eight weeks and they were as sound as the day I received them.

J. M. Clark.

Extract from a letter from the well known grape grower, Mr. Geo. M. High of Middle Bass, Ohio, to Geo. W. Campbell, dated

Middle Bass, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early had a fine crop of most excellent fruit. Clusters were not as compact as expected but it may have been on account of overbearing, for I had left twenty-five buds on the vine, which bore about fifty clusters. They were fit to eat this season as soon as Champion. On the 1st of September I took a couple of clusters to Mr. Wehrle and he pronounced the quality the best he had ever tasted of the blacks. A few days later Mr. Thaddeus Smith, one of the largest grape growers and wine makers of Pelee Island, Canada, said it was the finest of any black grape he had ever come across and I have no hesitation in saying I agree with him.

(Signed.) Geo. M. High.

Euclid, Ohio, Nov. 20, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes which you sent me on the 24th day of September, I did not receive until Oct. 1st. I found them in first class shape. They had been in the express office all the time and it was very hot about that time. I showed the grapes to A. J. Nuhfer, Manager of the N. O. Grape Association and others who spoke highly of the quality, and as to shipping, it could not be beaten. According to my judgment they are the coming grape.

M. J. Crosier.

Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I ate the last of the Campbell's Early grapes about two weeks ago that you sent me in September. They are remarkable keepers and good eaters.

I. D. Cartwright.

Crestview, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The four one year old vines of Campbell's Early grape which I ordered of you, all lived and made a satisfactory growth this season and would no doubt have done still better if the drought had not set in so early.

Geo. W. Trowbridge.

Willoughby, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vines I ordered of you last spring were all engaged and delivered, consequently I did not plant one myself. I have seen two parties today that bought and they are both well pleased with the healthy appearance of the vines and their growth. The parties are M. E. Sweet and E. M. Woodard, both leading grape men. Mr. Woodard is Secretary of Willoughby Grape Co. I enclose a hasty line he handed me in regard to its growth, etc.

J. H. Tryon.

Kirkland, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vines have made a growth of from two and one-half to three feet. The foliage is perfectly healthy. I regard it on the whole as a very fine grape.

E. M. Woodard.

Wooster, Ohio,

Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station,

Nov. 10, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early vines planted last spring have made a growth of about six feet and are in good condition.

W. J. Green.

Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The longest growth on my Campbell's Early grape vine is eight feet with numerous side branches.

Geo. Bayer.

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—In regard to the growth made by the Campbell's Early grape vine you sent me last spring, will say: First, that the grape vine was of a superior quality, was planted and given ordinary attention and made wood enough to grow a bunch or two of grapes next season if I allow it to do so. I have seen and eaten the grapes for several years and firmly believe it to be the most profitable black grape for commercial purposes, in the market.

N. Ohmer.

Painesville, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent us last spring has done very well, making good stocky growth; has done better than a good many other varieties we planted at the same time.

The Storrs & Harrison Co.

Troy, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine sent us last spring, we are glad to say, has made a very fine growth of over six feet this season. The foliage remained perfect the entire season through. We are very much pleased with it.

Geo. Peters & Co.

Waterville, Ohio, Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The vine of Campbell's Early received from you last spring has made a very vigorous and healthy growth. I must have a few more in the spring as I have great faith in the variety.

W. W. Farnsworth, Secretary  
Ohio State Horticultural Society.

Sidney, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent me last spring has proven a very vigorous grower.

Geo. Hemm.

From the Delaware Gazette, Delaware, Ohio.

#### NEW GRAPE—CAMPBELL'S EARLY.

The grape bearing the above name originated by the veteran pomologist, Mr. G. W. Campbell, of this city, though late in its appearance, is by general consent of competent judges pronounced the greatest acquisition in that class of fruits that effort in that direction during the grape future that raged to a greater or less extent during the past four decades has produced—is a befitting rounding up of the forty years of special devotion to the production of new varieties that characterized the career of our esteemed friend; and it may be safely assumed that had it appeared as near the beginning, as it did to the close of his efforts in that direction, it would have proved a Klondike bonanza to the originator. We have had opportunity the past two seasons to see and admire its great beauty, and test its excellent quality, and the sight it presented the latter part of the season, now about ended, as growing on the grounds of Mr. C. was one of rare beauty, and bore ample testimony in prolific production, early maturity of fruit, and remarkable vigor of vine and health of foliage, to the high encomiums it has received from those whose opinions are recognized authority on the subject. The

clusters, to the number of nearly a dozen, with which we were kindly favored a few days ago, were splendid specimens, all that could be desired both in bunch and berry, and would not suffer in appearance by comparison with that magnificent foreign variety, the Black Hamburg. The Concord has for years been conceded the position of the leading grape of the country for general culture, but it has several notable defects, and on account thereof, Campbell's Early, which is exempt from them, will doubtless supplant it to a large extent.

The above article is from Abram Thompson, senior editor, who was one of the first to bring to notice and introduce the Delaware grapes.

From Farm News, Springfield, Oct. 1897:

Farm News desires to add its testimony to the good qualities of the new Campbell's Early grape that George S. Josselyn of Fredonia, N. Y., is introducing. A basket of them shipped from that place to Springfield arrived in perfect condition. It is an ideal grape, large and luscious. Next to sampling them the best thing is to read of them in Mr. Josselyn's catalogue. Send for it.

## OREGON.

Woodburn, Oregon, Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine you sent us made a growth of between two and three feet. It looks to be very thrifty and we predict for it a very strong growth next season as it had a late start this season and hardly a fair show given it.

J. H. Settlemyer & Son.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

West Chester, Pa., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived safely. They are unmistakably of native origin, as the foliage is very decidedly of the "Labrusca" type, being thick, leathery and remarkably vigorous. We feel justified in saying that the large size, beautiful compact bunch, and rich dark purple color relieved by a decided bloom, combine to make it an attractive variety. These in addition to the good quality of the pulp, which is very firm, sweet, juicy and agreeable, as well as its decided earliness, constitute valuable characteristics. We might also add that we think it will make an excellent shipper before the Concord is placed on the market. Hoopes, Bro. & Thomas.

West Grove, Pa., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in nice condition and they appear to be an extraordinary variety, particularly adapted to shipping. We do not handle grapes in a very extended way but we will make a note of this variety, as we believe it will give our customers satisfaction.

The Dingee & Conard Co.

Willowdale, Pa., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received. The quality is very good and there is no acidity in the pulp. The berries are good size and the bunches well formed. We would pronounce it a very valuable early grape.

Rakestraw & Pyle

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I view Campbell's Early as the one grape of great promise—the multum in parvo grape indeed.

C. W. Griggs.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in excellent condition. It is one of the best early grapes that I know, not excepting the Moore's Early. Thomas F. Kane

Three Tuns, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in fine order. They seem to be everything claimed for them. They will be a fine grape to ship. The flavor is, to my taste, very fine. It looks as if the black grapes were rapidly regaining the ascendancy in popularity in our market (Philadelphia) and I think the Campbell's Early will lead the list of them.

J. O. Atkinson.

Uriah, Pa., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in the very best of condition. I think they are the best grape I ever ate. Such clusters, too, are a rarity. They are large and well formed while the berry is rich and sweet. It is, in fact, a most superior grape and a victory in grape culture.

John Peters.

Wernersville, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition. I think it a splendid grape.

M. E. Smeltzer.

West Chester, Pa., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's grapes came in excellent order, bunches and berries being perfect as if they were packed an hour ago and therefore proves to be a valuable shipping grape. The bunches being so compact and berries of good size, it ought to attract attention in the market. The leaf seems to denote the vigorous growth of the hardy kinds, which are not liable to mildew like so many of the finer varieties. If this should be so, it would be a very valuable kind for our climate where we cannot raise with continued success the Brighton, Roger's Hybrids and so many of that class.

George Achelis.

North Orwell, Pa., Oct. 31, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. I was much pleased with the fine size of berry and cluster, quality good.

J. E. Hamilton.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes reached us in good condition. It is a very attractive variety and we are pleased with it.

Henry A. Dreer.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in good order. They were certainly extra fine.

Wilmer Atkinson.

Editor Farm Journal.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 25, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes came to me in prime condition, better I think than any I ever saw before so far from the vines. I have been watching your circulars of this grape and felt considerable interest, nevertheless I was surprised when I saw the fruit. It is certainly a good shipper and showy for the market and palatable for the table. While I am very wary about trying new things until they are thoroughly proven I will have to put a few of these in my vineyard. I am of the opinion that in this grape you have a winner.

Bion H. Butler.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 18, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes kept in perfect shape three weeks. I never saw the like.

Bion H. Butler.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 7, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received a few days since. We find in this new grape all that can be expected in an outside grape. It is nearly as good as the black Hamburg. Now having seen them and had the satisfaction of eating them, I am sure we will have success in selling them.

G. R. Clark & Co.

Mohn's Store, Pa., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Now about the Campbell's Early grapes which I received. I must say that everyone who saw and had an opportunity to test its fine quality was well pleased.

Samuel K. Mohn.

Morrisville, Pa., Sept. 25, 1897.

Esteemed Friend:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. I am much pleased with them. The thick, tough skin must make it an excellent shipper and the facility with which its seeds separate from the pulp is a very desirable quality. The size of the berries and bunches is all that can be desired. The fruit is certainly an improvement on Concord.

Samuel C. Moon.

Morrisville, Pa., Oct. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in perfect condition. We pronounce them excellent, the clusters are the finest we have ever seen from first year bearing vines. The size, appearance and quality will surely place the Campbell's Early grape at the head of our early varieties, and it will no doubt supplant the early sorts of past introductions of only questionable quality.

The Wm. H. Moon Co.

New Wilmington, Pa., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition. They are very fine both in appearance and quality.

Geo. A. Hover.

North East, Pa., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in fine condition and it seems to me that you have perhaps found what we have been looking for so long, viz., a really good early grape that will stand shipping.

E. E. Carr.

Leighton, Pa., Oct. 10, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I have not seen any black grape that will compare with the Campbell's Early in flavor, size of berry or size of cluster and the vine is a good grower. I think this grape will stand at the head of all the early black grapes with the most critical examination.  
David N. Rehr.

Malvern, Pa., Sept. 28, 1897.

Esteemed Friend:—The Campbell's Early grapes came to hand in good order. The quality we pronounce very good, bunches perfect, with glossy black skin. This will surely be a fine shipping grape. The bunches now look as if they might be kept four weeks.  
Josiah A. Roberts.

Mansfield, Pa., Oct. 26, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Having just returned from our outing, we find the Campbell's Early grapes sent us Sept. 24th. We find the grapes after being packed over a month, in fine condition and of good quality, showing its superiority as a shipping grape.  
A. H. & W. R. Avery.

Marietta, Pa., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early is way ahead of Concord as a market grape and will doubtless be one of the varieties of the future for that purpose.  
H. M. Engle & Son.

Masontown, Pa., Oct. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Several bunches of Campbell's Early were kept in the office for two weeks after they arrived and at the end of that time were apparently as fresh as when taken from the vines. I do not know how long they may have been on the way. The flavor, we think, equally as good as the Concord and its packing and shipping qualities far in advance which will no doubt make it a better grape for general planting.  
Pleasant Hill Nursery.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in good condition. I think every person who can afford it should plant this grape which I think will be the black grape for the United States. Its large and good and will show up in market much better than Concord and as good in quality. I am more than convinced that it is the coming grape and that it is only a few years until they will be grown by the millions.  
Woods & Co.

Hatfield, Pa., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes received in fine condition today. The grapes are the largest I ever saw and in quality are good.  
J. B. Moore.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived and I think it fully up to what is claimed for it.  
Daniel D. Herr.

Lansdale, Pa., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in very fine condition. I consider the quality of the grapes excellent and have no doubt that they are the coming market grape.  
J. B. Heckler.

Leechburg, Pa., Sept. 30, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came in fine condition. They were a surprise to me as they were beyond anything I ever saw in the grape line, both in appearance and in quality. They are the admiration of every one who saw them. It is one of the good things that seldom come around and I think that every one should have at least one vine if not more and I am sure that any one buying the vines will get the worth of their money and more. I bought three vines of you last spring and if I could not buy any more, I would not take ten dollars apiece for them.  
L. J. Hill.

Bird-in-Hand, Pa., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in good condition. They are indeed very fine, bunches are ideal in form for so early a variety and quality among the best. It will certainly become a very popular early grape.  
Calvin Cooper.

Bird-in-Hand, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in good condition and they were very fine.  
O. W. Laushey.

Camp Hill, Pa., Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I would briefly say: if large and handsome clusters, with handsome and high flavored berries—holding firmly to their stem—with vigorous habit of vines and from the appearance of a young plant growing with me as free from mildew as any grape I have tried is evidence of merit. Campbell's Early certainly should stand in the front rank among grapes.  
David Miller.

Christiana, Pa., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition yesterday. Myself and several others who have tasted the fruit, pronounce it No. 1 in every respect; and particularly because the pulp is sweet to the center and the seeds separate so readily from it.  
W. P. Brinton.

Douglasville, Pa., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were duly received in fine condition and we were very much pleased with them.  
M. H. Messchert.

Libonia, Pa., Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes duly received. The clusters were the largest and most perfect I have seen this season, while the grapes were of great size, solid and with a tough skin insuring safe shipping for a distance. Those shipped to me came in perfect condition.  
Geo. W. Park.

North East, Pa., Oct. 18, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received in good shape and they looked very fine. I think they cannot help but ship well. I have a bunch now before me (one month after picking) and they have not shelled any yet.  
C. H. Mottier.

West Chester, Pa., Nov. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine which you sent me last spring, grew right well and seems to belong to that class of grape vines which ripen the wood to the tips of the branches, from which I conclude that it will not be so subject to mildew as the Brighton, Catawba, Roger's Hybrids, etc.  
George Achelis.

West Chester, Pa., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine we planted last spring has made eight feet of well ripened wood which we consider a fine growth for the first year.  
Hoopes Bro. & Thomas.

Willowdale, Pa., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a quite satisfactory growth.  
Rakestraw & Pyle.

Ashley, Pa., Nov. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine planted last fall has had a vigorous growth and is in excellent condition, being fully all you claimed for it.  
Thos. Cassidy.

Leechburg, Pa., Aug. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—This spring I bought three No. 1 one year old vines of Campbell's Early grapes of you. They were the best rooted one year old vines I ever saw. At this writing one of them has grown over six feet.  
L. J. Hill.

Williamsport Pa., Sept. 29, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I bought a trial vine of Campbell's Early grape of you last spring, planting it in my home grounds with sixteen other varieties of same age. Its prodigious growth of time, stocky, close jointed wood, exceeds everything in my experience with grapes. By the first of this month its wood was mostly ripened—over one hundred joints—while for health of leaf, it is incomparable in my collection.  
C. W. Griggs.

From the Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Nov. 1897:

Thanks for a basket of grapes from Geo. S. Josselyn, Fredonia, N. Y., containing several fine bunches of Campbell's Early grape. If we were going to plant a vineyard for market, we should select this as a leader. Large grape, large bunch, black, very early and skin thick enough to carry to market. Keep your grape eye on Campbell's Early

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. The grapes were five days on the road but arrived in good condition. I think they are fully up to what you claim for them, in fact they are better than I expected since I have frequently been disappointed with new varieties. As soon as the basket was opened it filled the room with a delightful fragrance and all agree that in appearance and flavor they are the best they have ever seen. I will want about 100 one year No. 1 vines of this variety.  
Martin Stork.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

Emery, S. D., Dec. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine made a very vigorous growth. Had grown three feet nine inches Aug. 15th, and I have not seen it since.  
W. Klav.



## TENNESSEE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We received the Campbell's Early grapes in due time. They were in good condition and have the appearance of being good shippers. We also like the quality and see nothing to hinder Campbell's Early from being the leading grape of this country. Bird, Dew & Hale.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early made a splendid growth during the season and has all the appearance of being a very strong, healthy grower. Bird, Dew & Hale.

Columbia, Tenn., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The basket Campbell's Early grapes arrived in perfect condition. They are certainly fine, the finest that we ever saw produced from three year old vines. The quality we regard as excellent. Grant Bros.

Costner, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The one year old Campbell's Early grape vine planted last fall, has made a vigorous growth, forming a vine of five feet this very dry season. It surpasses Worden in vigor. J. W. Waite.

Spring Hill, Tenn., Nov. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine I got from you grew well for such a dry season. We have not had such a drought in twenty years. A good many year old vines set at the same time died out root and branch. I allowed only two or three canes to grow on the Campbell's Early. The main one is about five feet long. The foliage is still green. L. C. Chisholm.

## TEXAS.

Acadia, Texas, Nov. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine planted last winter made but little growth. The season was droughty and very unfavorable. T. H. Patterson.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 9, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape has grown five feet in length and I have three feet of well ripened wood. Chas. A. Kuse.

Denison, Texas, Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We planted the Campbell's Early grape vine in good deep, loamy, red, sandy soil and gave good cultivation. The season has been very favorable for growth of vines. The Campbell's Early made healthy growth about the same as Concord made under like conditions. T. V. Munson.

Cleburne, Texas, Nov. 12, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I am very well pleased with the growth of Campbell's Early grape vines you sent me. R. H. Pirtle.

## UTAH.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 18, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in perfect condition on the 25th of September. We were much pleased with the grape in every way and we think it far superior to any early black grape we have ever seen. Pioneer Nurseries Co.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine bought of you last spring made a vigorous growth. Am greatly pleased with it and expect to buy more. H. W. Dudley.

## VERMONT.

N. Ferrisburgh, Vt., Sept. 29, 1897.

Respected Friend:—I received a few days ago a basket of Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition. They were very good and it must be a good shipper as they cling well to the stem and it has a rather thick skin. Its earliness will make it valuable in Northern sections. We have had two frosts here this fall and Wordens are not fully turned. L. M. Macomber.

Newport, Vt., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early fruit is certainly magnificent and must take the lead of this class of native grapes. Dr. T. H. Hoskins.

## VIRGINIA.

Fairfax Station, Va., Sept. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. The grapes were in good order and were very much enjoyed by myself and friends, all of whom pronounced it a No. 1 high quality grape. E. H. Jones.

Falls Church, Va., Sept. 22, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received yesterday. The grapes came in fine condition and I consider them extra fine in bunch and quality. D. O. Munson.

Hallsboro, Va., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes reached us in fine condition. We are much pleased with it. The bunches are large, most of them being shouldered. The berries are very uniform and uncommonly compact bunches. Berries above medium to large, black, very tough skin with plenty of coloring matter under it to make highly colored wine. We judge from its very tough skin that it would be very exempt from black rot. They will make fine shippers and we think it would be a good market sort. The leaf is also large, thick and free from diseases. J. B. Watkins & Bro.

Nurseries, Va., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Your basket of Campbell's Early grape is real nice. I think it is bound to make its way into most of the leading vineyards. C. C. Davis.

Purcellville, Va., Sept. 29, 1897.

Respected Friend:—On my return home today I find the Campbell's Early grapes which arrived here last Friday, every grape perfect as when packed. The clusters are fine size, quality sweet yet sprightly and from the texture of the skin though thin, it will be a good shipper. A. B. Davis & Son.

Red Hill, Va., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition. I think it a No. 1 grape. Clusters good, berries large and quality first class. J. O. Barksdale.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We have received the Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition and in appearance it is very attractive. Its fine appearance, good quality and earliness will no doubt make it a very valuable acquisition to our list of varieties. W. T. Hood & Co.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 8, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine bought of you last fall has given perfect satisfaction. Notwithstanding the excessive drought of the past summer, it has outgrown all other vines. Leaves large and healthy. No mildew. Eight or ten laterals large enough to propagate from. I think I can get a cluster of fruit from it next season. Dr. C. H. Hedges.

Parksley, Va., Nov. 2, 1897.

My Dear Sir:—The vine of Campbell's Early grape which you sent me last spring has grown vigorously. It proved to be healthy and vigorous like the old original vine which I saw many years ago when visiting Mr. Campbell at his home in Delaware, Ohio. I believe this grape is destined to be the leading early black variety, both for home and market use. H. E. Van Deman.

Formerly Pomologist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## WASHINGTON.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 16, 1897.

Dear Sir:—My Campbell's Early grape vine made a growth of two canes about two feet each but they were shaded and I intend moving them to where they can get more sun. W. G. Estep.

Cape Horn, Wash., Nov. 13, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The one year old grape vine of Campbell's Early bought of you last spring, has made a very satisfactory growth. The main cane is forty-one inches long, with a number of laterals measuring altogether twenty-one inches, a total growth of sixty-two inches. Robert C. Prindle.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

Deer Walk, W. Va., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine made a growth of five feet six inches with three laterals of about two feet each. The wood is ripe to the tip top Nov. 5th, all leaves yet on the vines. I am very much pleased with it.

## WISCONSIN.

Baraboo, Wis., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received a basket of Campbell's Early grapes from you the first day of the opening of Sauk County fair, put them on exhibition and they were sampled by the prominent growers and the general verdict was that they are fine. I think they are superior to any early grape raised here in many respects.

A. D. Brown.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., Sept. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. As far as my knowledge goes, no word of criticism, only words of praise. If it is as early as Moore's Early and as productive as Concord, it is a fine thing for our county.

F. C. Edwards.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received all O. K. The clusters are extra for age of vines. Also quality good. They will certainly be a good market grape as their looks will sell them.

J. M. Edwards & Son.

Janesville, Wis., Sept. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received. They opened up in splendid condition, all adhering to the bunches perfectly. I took the basket and visited F. S. Soudon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Whiffin and others. All agree in expressing wonder that you could get such large berries and large bunches from one year old vines planted in 1895.

Geo. J. Kellogg & Sons.

Janesville, Wis., Nov. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—After sampling two bunches of the Campbell's Early grapes we put the balance just as received into a refrigerator for two weeks. Since then they have been in our mill-room and nineteen-twentieths of them are in good eating condition tonight. They please us as an early grape that will ship and keep from two to three months.

Geo. J. Kellogg & Sons.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 23, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Your magnificent samples of grapes to hand. They were fine indeed, the best that we have sampled this year. We are sorry that our plant portion of the catalogue is already run so that we cannot introduce any new varieties this season, but the Campbell's Early are certainly the finest grapes that we have ever seen of that class.

John A. Salzer Seed Co.

Oregon, Wis., Oct. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes came all right and in due time but as I left home Monday the 27th of Sept. before getting my mail, they were left until Saturday when I got home from Elkhorn. They were kept in the hot store, closed up in the basket which is very hard for any kind of fruit. I opened them at once, sampled them and pronounced them fine. I brought them home and put them in my cellar and today went to see them and find them yet in very nice condition.

F. H. Chappel.

Ripon, Wis., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes arrived in fine condition and we pronounce them simply perfect. The bunches were very large, compact, well shouldered, covered with a fine bloom, tough skin which will make it a remarkable grape for shipping, quality fine, combined with earliness it is destined to become very popular with the amateur as well as the commercial planter.

L. C. Kellogg.

Sparta, Wis., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received today. They are grand.

A. Butler.

Sparta, Wis., Sept. 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Campbell's Early grapes received in fine shape. Bunches large and compact, fruit large, quality excellent. But the strong point with this splendid early grape is it is evidently a good shipper and consequently will keep well. I am pleased with the Campbell's Early.

Wm. Frazier.

Trempealeau, Wis., Oct. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The grapes (Campbell's Early) came to hand during my absence. I find them first class in all respects. They are the finest black grape I ever saw.

W. M. Allen.

Twin Bluffs, Wis., Oct. 21, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes about a month ago and they are in good condition yet. We think the quality is fine and the grapes are very large and nice.

John T. Wood.

West Bend, Wis., Sept. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes arrived here on Sept. 27th in excellent condition. They are of good quality and I think they will be an excellent shipping grape.

Solon Yahr.

Waukesha, Wis., Nov. 11, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has done wonderfully with us. It had longer canes than any other variety that were planted two years ago. We claim it to be the most vigorous of all grape vines out of fifteen varieties that we have.

John Grape.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., Nov. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine, although set rather late, made a growth of seven feet of well ripened wood.

J. M. Edwards & Son.

From Monroe County Democrat, Sparta, Oct. 1, 1897:

William Frazier has this week been exhibiting a sample basket of grapes of the Campbell's Early variety, grown in Fredonia, N. Y., by G. S. Josselyn. The fruit is of a fine quality, the pulp being sweet to the center. This variety was awarded the Wilder medal by the American Pomological Society this fall. The vines are said to be healthy and hardy and can withstand an 18 degrees below zero temperature. They are also good shippers.

## CANADA.

Galt, Ont., Sept. 24, 1897.

Dear Sir:—We are pleased with the quality of the fruit and appearance of the bunches and noted particularly the toughness of the skin, which is certainly very much in favor of the variety. We have no doubt whatever that Campbell's Early will prove a great success.

Cavers Bros.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 25, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Received Campbell's Early grapes in first class condition. I consider it superior to Concord in flavor, in fact as good as best Roger's to my taste.

Fred Freeburne.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 6, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I find the quality more desirable than in any other grape I have known of out door culture. I have taken time to exhibit a sample of the grapes to several large vineyard men and it is the general opinion of these gentlemen that you have in the Campbell's Early, a grape of superior size and quality and worthy of a place in any vineyard.

C. P. Knight.

St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 1, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes reached us in splendid condition. We think them the finest in quality of any grape we ever ate. We have always said since the Early Worden was introduced, if you plant only one vine let that be a Worden. We certainly think we shall have to change it now to Campbell's Early. Judging from the sample sent, they will stand shipping to England.

A. G. Hull & Son.

St. Catharines, Ont., Oct. 2, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grapes were received after being delayed on the road by the Express Co. about a week, and were very fine in quality and will no doubt be a good shipper.

A. M. Smith.

St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir:—I received the Campbell's Early grapes in fine condition and it appears to me to be all you claim for it, large berry, fine flavor and seeds part easily from the pulp. The skin is tough and I believe it will be a good shipper and keeper. I kept some of the bunches three weeks and they were in as fine condition then as when received. I believe it will rank first as an early good shipping grape.

A. W. Graham.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 7, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape vine has made a well ripened growth of four feet.

R. M. Palmer.

Dept. of Agriculture.

Nantyr, Ont., Can., Oct. 30, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The Campbell's Early grape was planted this spring on the south side of a tight board fence, the soil being light. The severe drought made this a trying situation. Notwithstanding this, it made the greatest growth of wood I ever saw and much greater than others such as Roger's No. 9, Niagara, &c., in more favorable situations.

Stanley Spillet.

Gooseberry Experimenter.

Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Can., Nov. 5, 1897.

Dear Sir:—The vines I got from you of Campbell's Early last fall made a good growth with me this summer and I was so well satisfied with their vigor that I got two more this fall.

J. H. Thom.

# Special Notice!

**E**VERY CAMPBELL'S EARLY VINE we sell is grown out of doors and all are graded as large and heavy as any of the old varieties. It is the strongest grower on our list and the vines are the handsomest and best of any variety we ship. We don't send our customers little weak hot-house grown vines such as are usually sent out when a new variety is introduced.

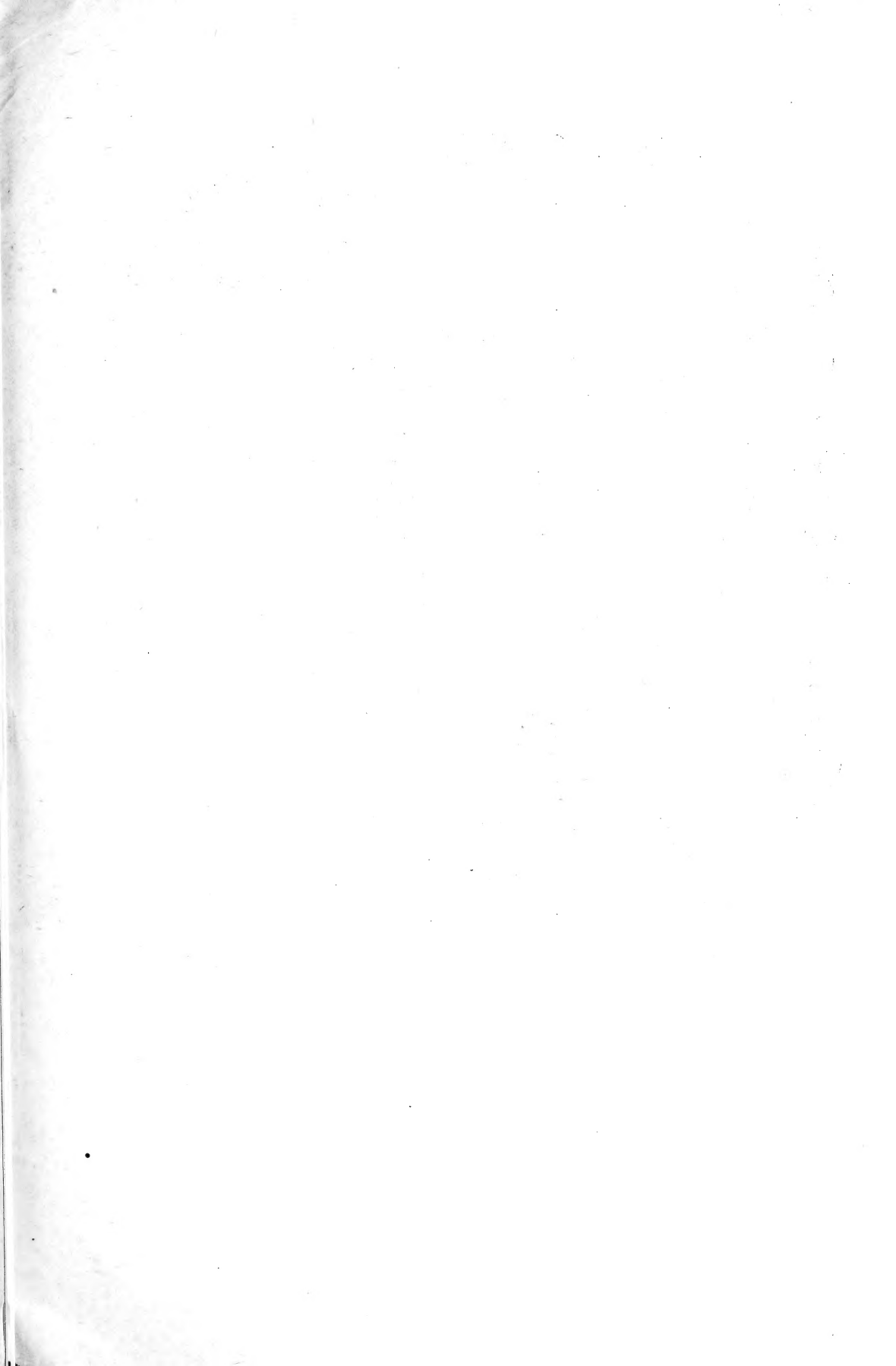
Positively no buds or cuttings or No. 2 vines of this variety for sale. The tops of all Campbell's Early vines will be cut back to about three buds, the right condition for planting.

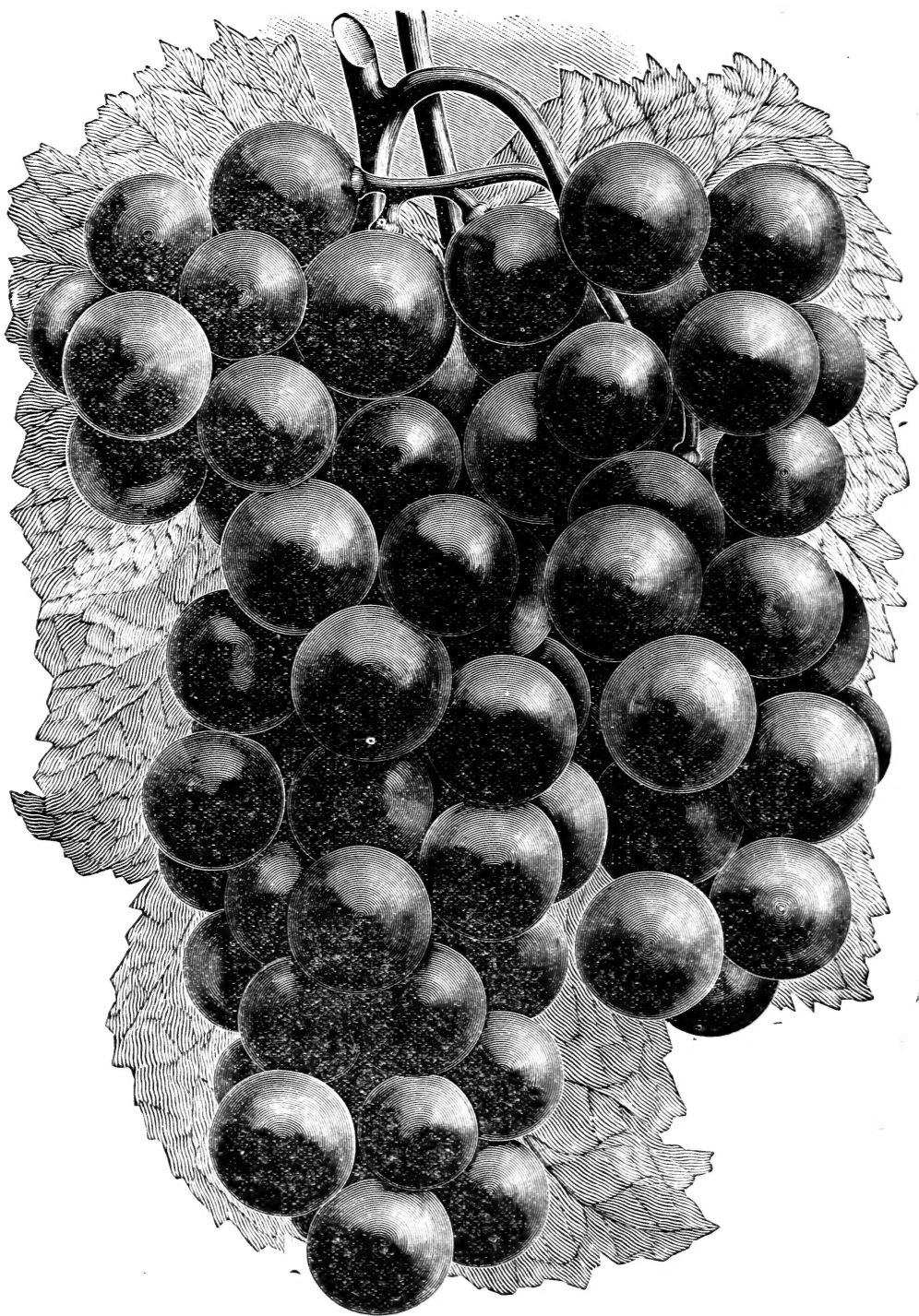
All Campbell's Early vines sold will have our metal seals attached, as per fac similes below.

To procure genuine Campbell's Early vines insist that every vine bears our seal, showing our name, the age and grade of the vine and the year it is sold.

Planters should be careful to remove these seals before planting, to avoid the danger of the vines being cut off by the wires as the vines grow larger.







CAMPBELL'S EARLY.